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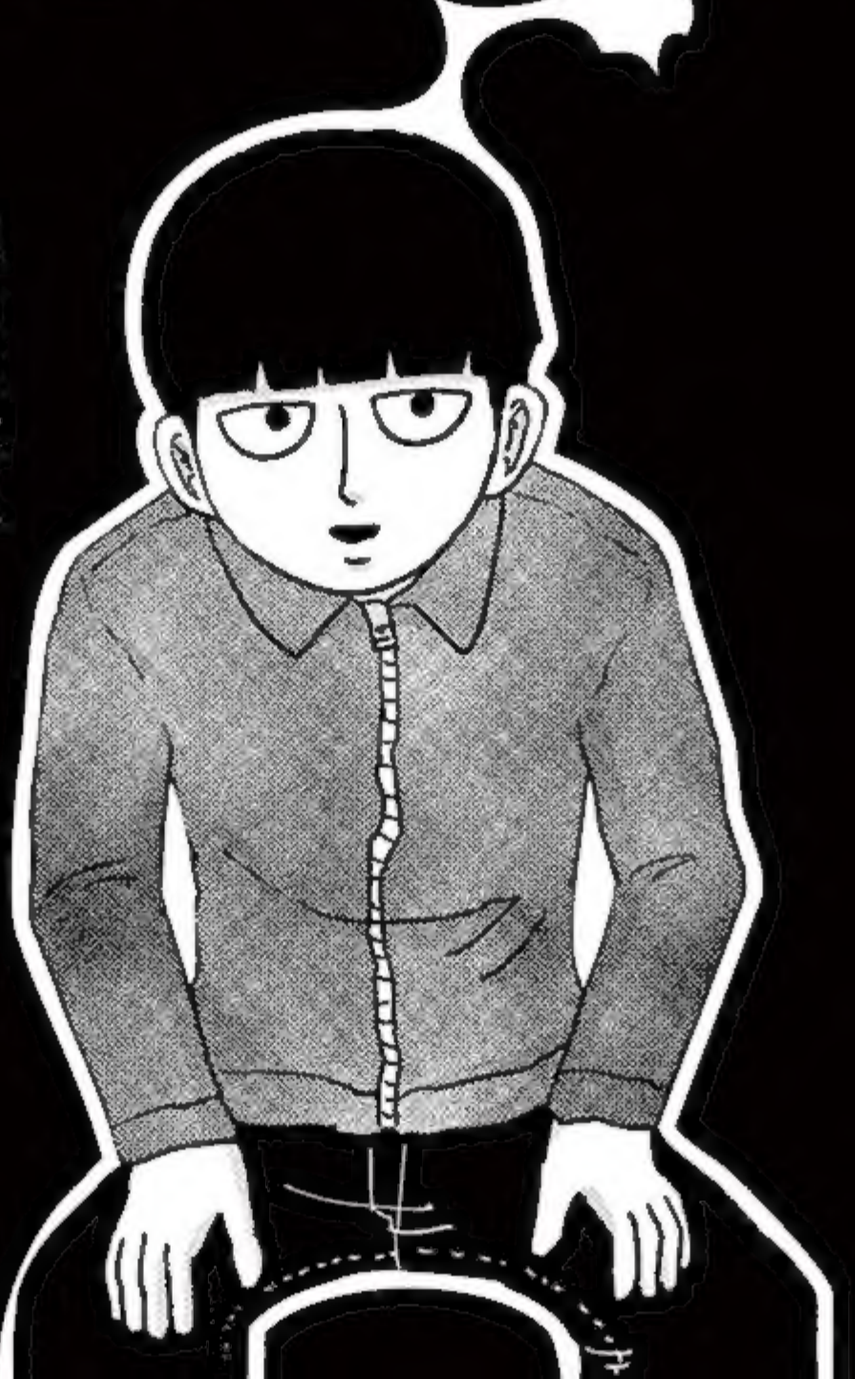

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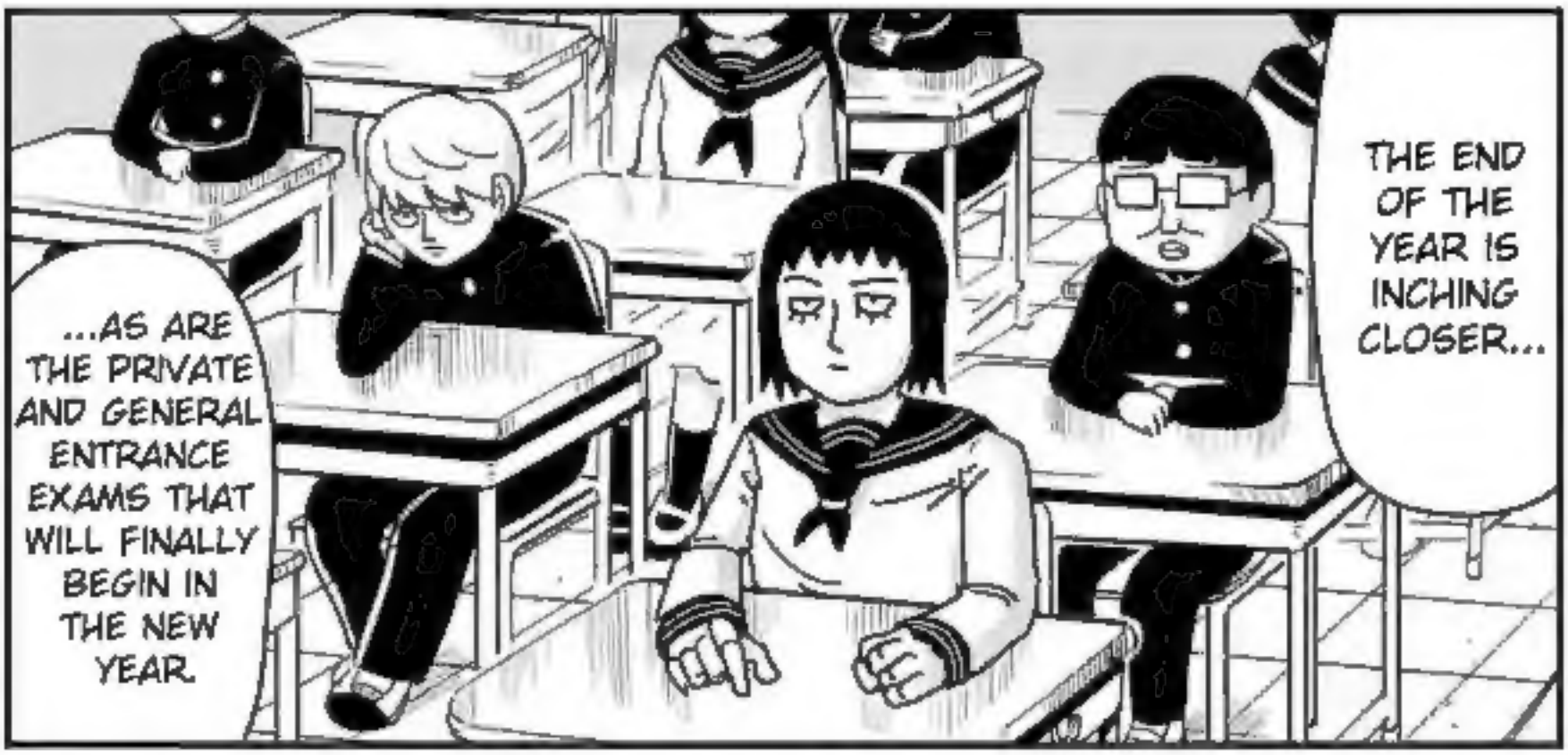
...AS ARE THE PRIVATE AND GENERAL ENTRANCE EXAMS THAT WILL FINALLY BEGIN IN THE NEW YEAR.
THE END OF THE YEAR IS INCHING CLOSER...

STAND.
BOW.

MAKE SURE TO KEEP YOUR WITS ABOUT YOU AND STUDY ALL NIGHT EVERY NIGHT.
THAT IS ALL.
BECAUSE YOU ARE ALL PERFECTLY PREPARED TO TAKE THE EXAM, I DON'T THINK THERE WILL BE A PROBLEM, BUT..

EH... GRADU-ATION IS THAT SOON.....?

I... I'M OUT OF TIME!!!

PLEASE HEAR ME OUT.

肉体改造部

(SIGN: BODY IMPROVEMENT CLUB)

YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO TALK ABOUT SOMETHING IMPORTANT?

ISN'T THAT SAD?

UNABLE TO CONTINUE OUR ACTIVITIES, THE CLUB WILL MOST LIKELY COME TO A NATURAL END.

IN A LITTLE OVER THREE MONTHS, KIJIBAYASHI AND I WILL BE GRADUATING.

WHEN THAT HAPPENS, ONLY INUKAWA AND SARUTA WILL REMAIN...

HM... EVEN LESS OF A REACTION THAN I EXPECTED.....

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EH?

WHAT'S SO SAD ABOUT THAT?

LOOK BACK ON WHAT WE'VE DONE UP TO THIS POINT!

AT THIS RATE, IT'LL BE OVER WITHOUT US HAVING CREATED ANY MEMORIES, YOU KNOW?!

PLAYING CARDS, VIDEO GAME COMPETI-TIONS...

EATING CAKE, IDLY CHATTING...

BUT WE DO HAVE MEMO-RIES.

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN!

NO, NO...

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NOT THAT I'M IN ANY BETTER SHAPE...

DID YOU! THINK OF STUDYING FOR ENTRANCE EXAMS AND FALL INTO DESPAIR?

D-- DOES YOUR TUMMY HURT OR SOMETHING, PRESIDENT?

EH?!! WHY ARE YOU CRYING?

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IT'S NOW OR NEVER!

THERE'S HARDLY ANY TIME LEFT!

AND WE HAVEN'T MET ANY ALIENS!

OUR RESEARCH ON TELEPATHY STILL HASN'T YIELDED ANY RESULTS!

...PRESIDENT, YOU REALLY MEANT THAT, ABOUT CONTACTING ALIENS?

TO BE HONEST, IT'S STILL HARD FOR ME TO TAKE SERIOUSLY, BUT...

SINCE WE DON'T HAVE A LABORATORY OR ESPERS OR ANYTHING.

IS THAT SOMETHING TO CRY ABOUT...?

I MEAN, WE CAN'T REALLY DO ANYTHING WITH THE TIME WE HAVE LEFT.

WELL... WHEN YOU GRADUATE, YOU CAN KEEP WORKING ON IT IN HIGH SCHOOL, RIGHT?

TO ME, THIS PLACE... WAS SPECIAL!

YOU WERE THE ONLY ONES WHO ACCEPTED MY WEIRD AMBITION AND JOINED ME AS CLUB MEMBERS...

BUT... THIS IS THE ONLY TIME WE HAVE WITH ALL OF US TOGETHER.

AND I'VE ALSO THOUGHT OF PURSUING THIS ON MY OWN AS A HOBBY...

I MEAN WHAT I SAY.

THE ACTIVITIES WE DID AS A GROUP...

DON'T YOU WANT TO LEAVE BEHIND SOME UNFORGET-TABLE EXPERIENCE?

GETTING TOGETHER IN THE CLUBROOM AFTER SCHOOL AND CHATTING IDLY...

SOMEDAY, WE'LL FORGET ABOUT EACH OTHER.

IN TIME, ALL OF THAT WILL BE FORGOT-TEN...

IN THIS MIDDLE SCHOOL...

WITH THESE CLUB MEMBERS...

WE'RE ALMOST OUT OF TIME FOR CLUB ACTIVITIES...

DON'T YOU GET IT? YOU GUYS...

HOW SHE REALLY THOUGHT OF US...

PRESIDENT... SO THAT'S...

SHE SUDDENLY GAINED THE ENTHUSIASM OF A SPORTS CLUB BEFORE A BIG TOURNAMENT...

BUT...

I'VE ALREADY STARTED THINKING ABOUT WHAT KIND OF CLUB ACTIVITIES I WANT TO GET INTO NEXT YEAR...

AND YET...

I COULD GO TO A NON-TELEPATHY-CLUB FRIEND'S HOUSE AND DO THE SAME KIND OF THING, SO I DIDN'T THINK THIS WAS SPECIAL AT ALL...

IF I WENT HOME RIGHT AWAY, I'D BE FREE UNTIL DINNERTIME, SO I ONLY THOUGHT OF THIS AS A PLACE TO KILL SOME TIME AFTER SCHOOL... AND YET...

WHAT DO YOU THINK, EVERY-ONE?

HEY...

TELEPATHY IS, UH... SORRY, WHAT WAS OUR GOAL AGAIN?

HAHA... WELL, LET'S HEAR FROM THE YOUNGEST F RST .. WHAT DO YOU SAY, SARUTA, TELL US WHAT YOU THINK OF THE PRESIDENT'S FEELINGS...

EH?!!

WHAT... DO WE THINK, INUKAWA...?

HAA.....

WOW... SHE HAS AMAZING LUNG CAPACITY...

SHE MIGHT BE ANGRY.

HAA.....

HAA.....

HAA

PRACTICALLY ALL THE OTHER THIRD YEARS ARE RETIRING FROM THEIR CLUBS...

I SHOULD DO THE SAME.

IT'S FINE. I'D BETTER START STUDYING FOR THE ENTRANCE EXAMS...

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SO SHE HASN'T EVEN STARTED YET...

NOT THAT I'VE STARTED EITHER...

THE TELEPATHY CLUB IS HEREBY DISBANDED.

THANKS FOR EVERYTHING, YOU THREE.

IT WAS PRETTY FUN.

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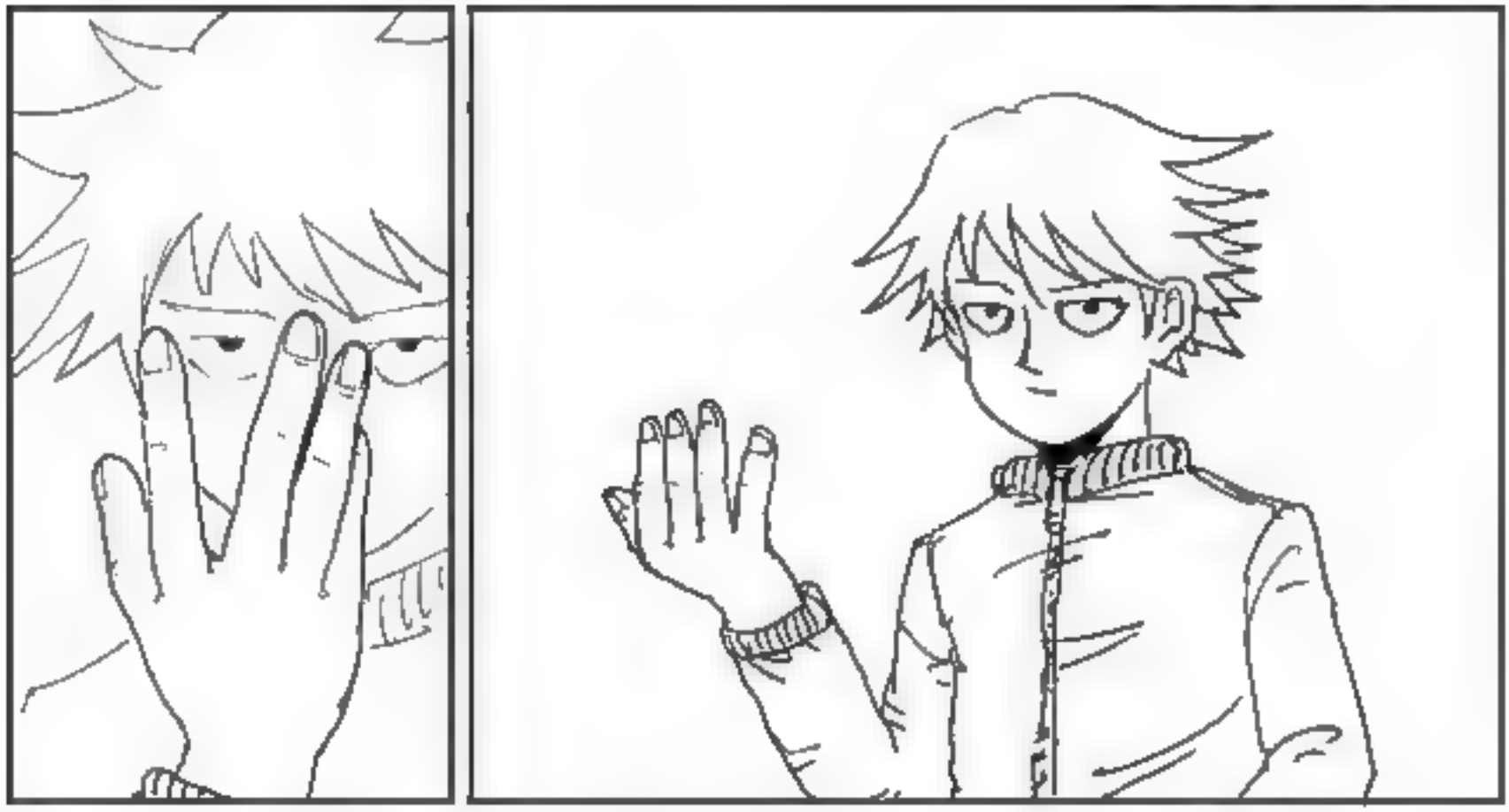

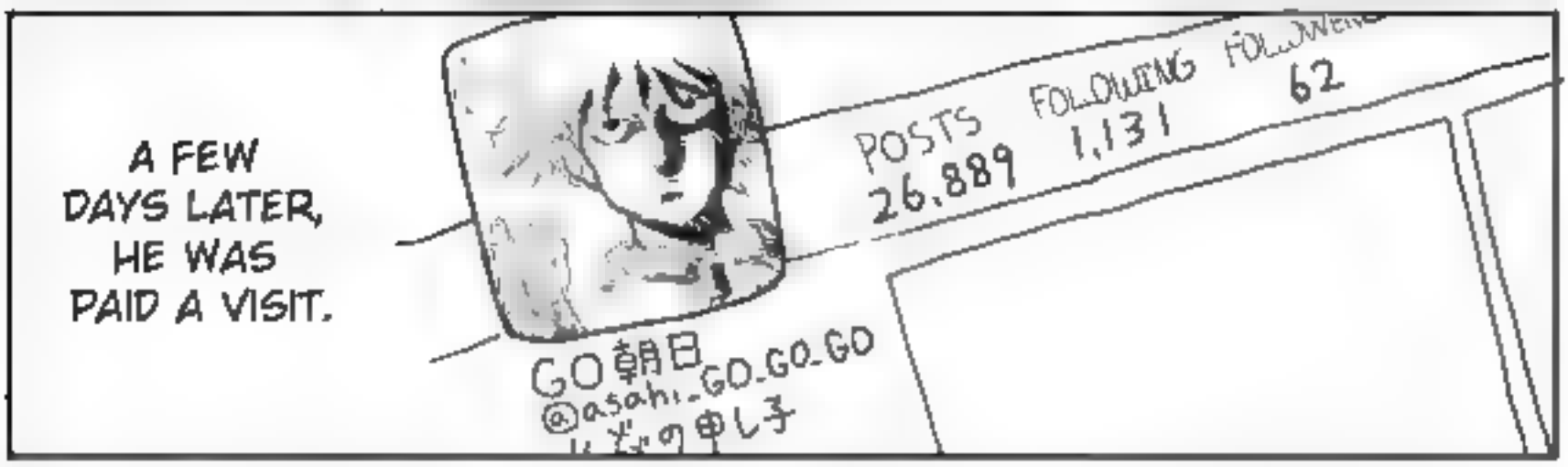

SHE DIDN'T SEEM MAD OR ANY-THING.

..AND I DON'T THINK SHE WAS ASKING US TO CARRY ON WITHOUT HER. WE'RE DISBANDING FOR REAL.

EH? SO WE REALLY ARE D S-BANDING?

...SHE LEFT.

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DIS-BANDING...

DIS-BANDING, HUH...

AHH... LOOKS LIKE THIS IS THE END.

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SOME-HOW.

SOMETHING TELLS ME THAT WOULDN'T DO US ANY GOOD.

FEELS KINDA LONELY...

CAN'T WE HAVE A GOING AWAY PARTY OR SOMETHING?

STARTING WITH HER BIGGEST GOAL, WHICH WAS...

MAYBE WE SHOULD WORK ON WHAT KURATA WANTED TO DO.

NOT THAT WE CAN ACTUALLY DO ANYTHING...

I MEAN, WHAT WAS SHE SAYING WE SHOULD DO?

BUT IN THIS SITUATION.. I WONDER WHAT SHE WANTED FROM US...

..OR SO I GATHERED.

UH-HUH.. I SEE...

PRETTY IMPOSSIBLE..

IN ORDER TO DO THAT, KURATA WANTED TO DISCOVER HUMANITY'S HIDDEN POWER OF TELEPATHY.

..AND THEN USE THAT TO TRANSMIT A MESSAGE INTO SPACE..

WELL, AT THIS POINT, THAT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT, OR RATHER, UNPRECEDENTED.

TELECOMMUNICATING WITH, AND HOPEFULLY MEETING, ALIENS..

I'VE ALWAYS SEEN IT AROUND, BUT I NEVER SAW THE APPEAL.

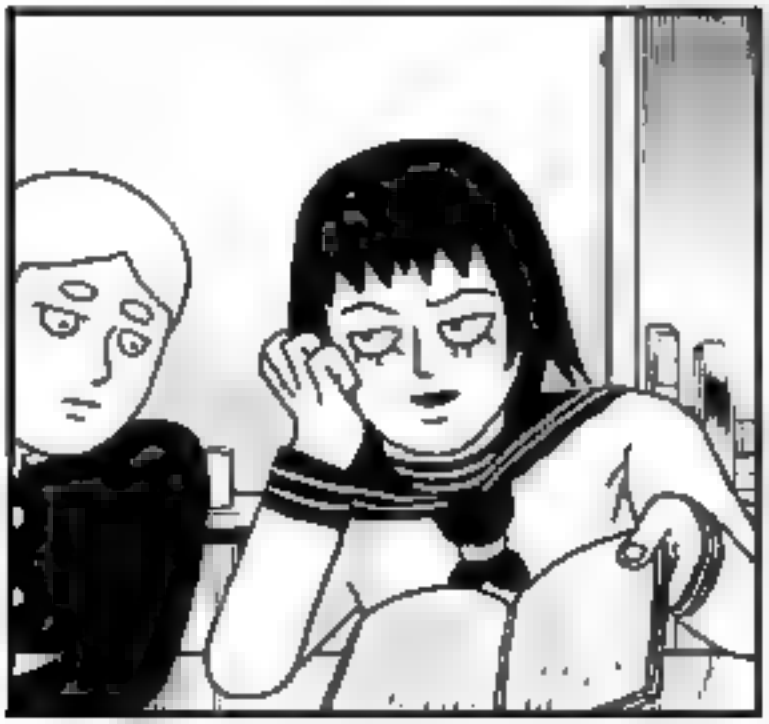
...I HAVEN'T READ THAT.

IT'S EASY TO SEE THAT THESE ARE JUST A FUN DELUSION...

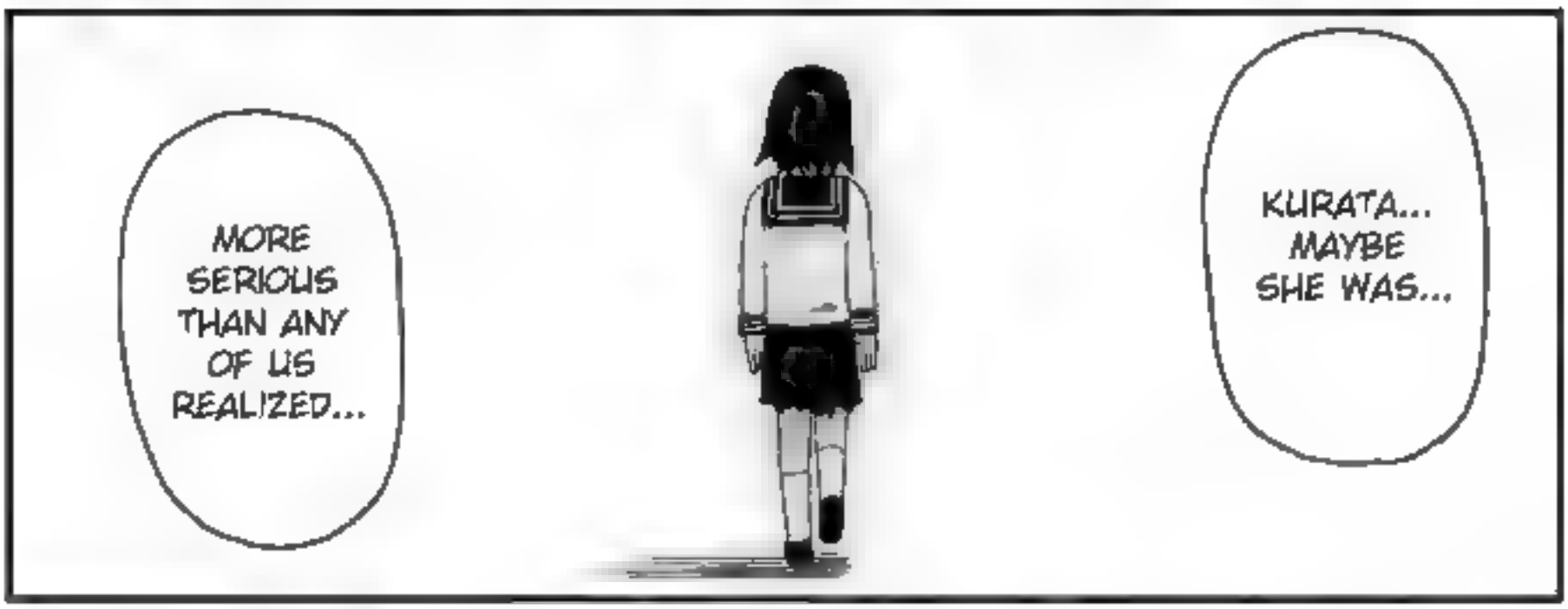
EVEN JUST SKIMMING OVER THE TABLE OF CONTENTS...

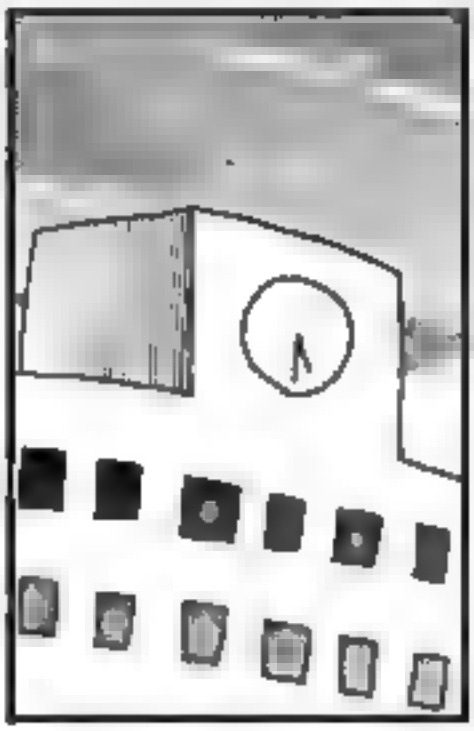
SHE LEFT QUITE A LEGACY OF OCCULT BOOKS BEHIND, HUH...

THESE BELONG TO THE PRESIDENT, BUT



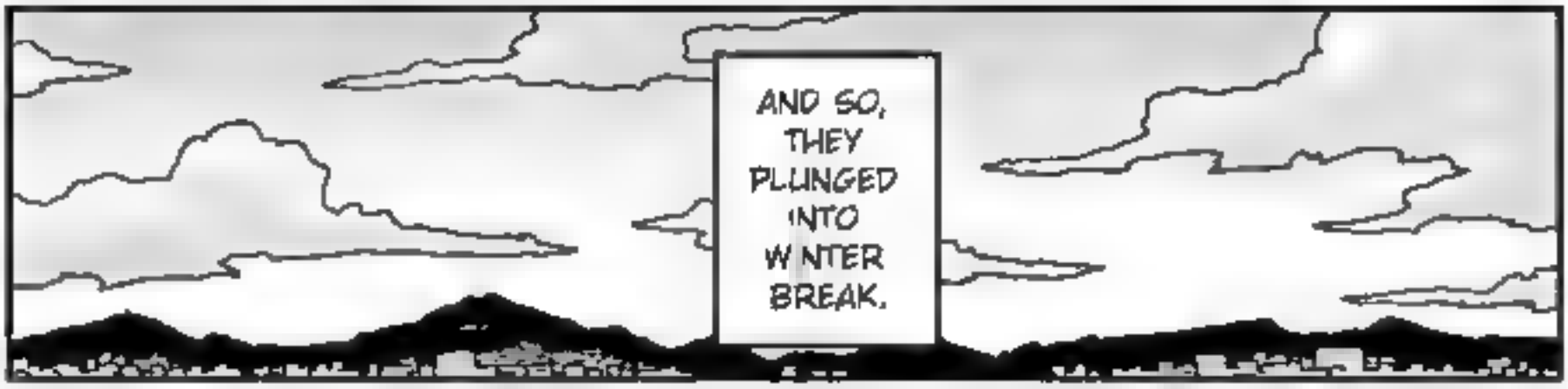
SHE OFTEN READ THAT ONE.
KURATA WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO READ THEM.
YEAH, I NEVER GOT AROUND TO READING IT EITHER.


MORE SERIOUS THAN ANY OF US REALIZED...
KURATA... MAYBE SHE WAS...



ALL THE BOOKS AROUND HERE...
FOR NOW, SHALL WE READ THESE?

W-WELL... IF THAT'S THE CASE..
ERM.. I DOUBT IT... PRETTY SURE WE WERE LAZING AROUND ALL THE TIME...


AND SO, THEY PLUNGED INTO WINTER BREAK.

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NII-SAN.

WHO COULD IT BE. .

EH?

NII-SAN, YOU HAVE GUESTS.

THEY SAID THEY'D WAIT OUT-SIDE...

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I HAVE NO IDEA, BUT...

HAA... IT SEEMS COLD OUTSIDE TODAY...

YOU WERE ZONING OUT AGAIN, WEREN'T YOU.

IT'S BEEN MORE THAN A MONTH SINCE DIMPLE DISAP-PEARED... ARE YOU STILL WORRYING ABOUT HIM?

HM? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

ARE YOU OKAY?

PLUS, HE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THE TYPE TO SAY A LONG GOODBYE EVERY TIME HE LEAVES.

IT SEEMS LIKE HE'S PROBABLY WANDERED FROM PLACE TO PLACE OVER THE YEARS.

HE MUST HAVE JUST GONE SOMEWHERE ELSE... THAT'S WHAT I THINK, AT LEAST.

I IMAGINE HE JUST LOST INTEREST IN FOLLOWING YOU AROUND...

WE SEARCHED, BUT HE NEVER SHOWED UP, SO EVEN IF YOU'RE UPSET, THERE'S NOTHING ELSE WE CAN DO.

I WAS ONLY ZONING OUT.

I REALLY WASN'T THINKING ABOUT ANYTHING JUST NOW.

YEAH.

I'M FINE.

A RELIEF...? NO, THE OPPOSITE, IT'S... WORRYING? AM I THE UNEASY ONE HERE...?

I SEE... THAT'S A RELIEF...

UGH, IT'S SO COOOLD.

SORRY TO DROP BY UNANNOUNCED, KAGEYAMA-SENPAI.

MOB! YOU ARE AT HOME!!

OH.. THERE HE IS, KAGEYAMA-KUN'S HERE.

PLEASE, HELP US! IT TURNS OUT WE'RE POWERLESS AFTER ALL...

COULD YOU MAYBE USE YOUR PSYCHIC POWER TO PERFORM TELEPATHY?!

IF WE GIVE YOU A CRASH COURSE OR SOMETHING,

OH? IT'S EVERYONE FROM THE TELEPATHY CLUB, WHAT'S UP?

SORRY, I DIDN'T NOTICE. DID YOU NEED SOMETHING?

I TRIED CALLING YOU SO MANY TIMES.

MOB, WHY DIDN'T YOU ANSWER YOUR PHONE!

YOU DON'T KNOW THAT!!

WE'RE ALMOST OUT OF TIME...

I'VE SAID THIS TO TOME-SAN BEFORE, BUT...

I CAN'T USE TELEP-ATHY.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

IF YOU START ZONING OUT, TIME WILL PASS YOU BY IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE! YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL ABOUT THAT TOO...!!

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THERE ARE THINGS THAT CAN ONLY BE DONE RIGHT NOW...!

IT ISN'T HOW WE THOUGHT IT WAS.

TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON.

INUKAWA-KUN, CALM DOWN..

IT'S THAT KIND OF FEELING!

IF WE DON'T AT LEAST DO WHAT WE CAN, THERE'LL BE NOTHING LEFT...

IF WE DON'T TRY HARD, AT LEAST A LITTLE...

WE UNDER-ESTIMATED THE "SPRING OF YOUTH!"

I THINK SHE WAS JUST PRIORITIZING HER EXAMS...

I WISH THERE WAS SOMETHING I COULD DO, BUT...

HM...

I SEE... SO TOME-SAN RESIGNED...

WE'RE REALLY PRESSED FOR TIME HERE...

MAYBE YOU COULD LEND US YOUR STRENGTH...

BUT WE NEED TO KEEP TRYING, EVEN NOW...

IT'S TOO LATE TO STOP HER FROM LEAVING...

ACTUALLY, SHE ALREADY DISBANDED THE CLUB...

EH?!!

IF YOU NEED PEOPLE WHO CAN USE TELEPATHY, I KNOW SOME.

SHALL I CALL THEM UP?

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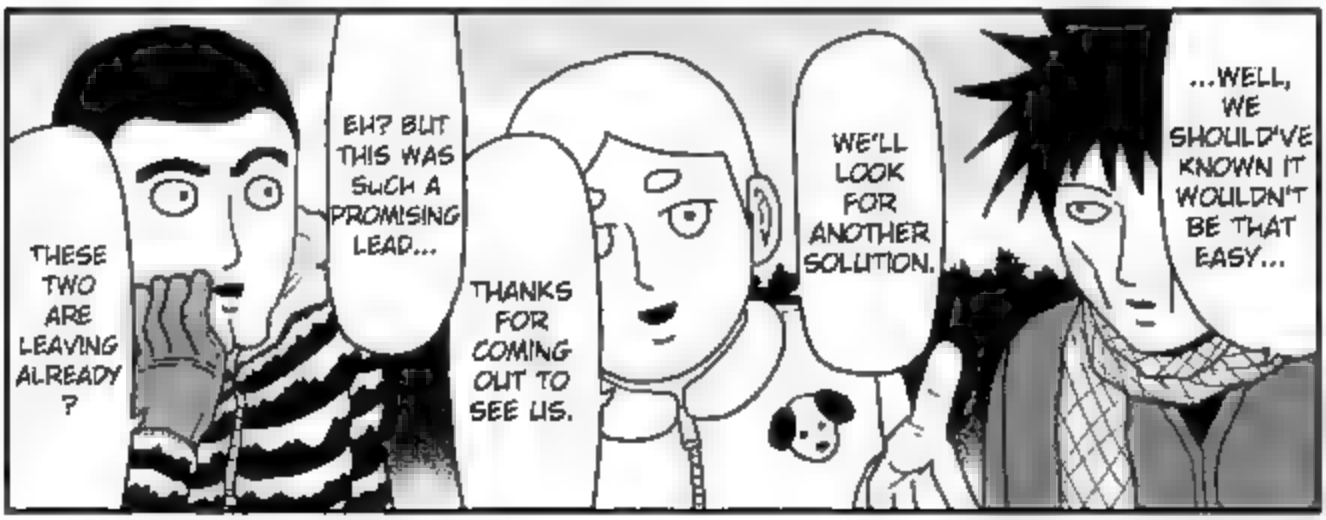
I DOUBT TELEPATHY WOULD CARRY ACROSS SUCH A LONG DISTANCE ANYWAY.

EVEN IF WE AIM OUR TELEPATHY TOWARD OUTER SPACE... WE PROBABLY CANNOT HELP YOU.
WE BROTHERS CAN ONLY USE OUR TELEPATHY TO COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER.

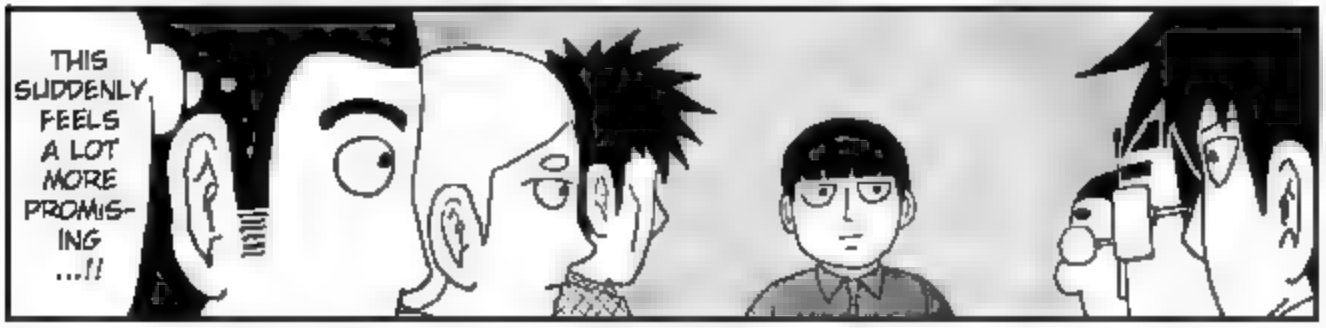

THESE TWO ARE LEAVING ALREADY?
EH? BUT THIS WAS SUCH A PROMISING LEAD...
THANKS FOR COMING OUT TO SEE US.
WE'LL LOOK FOR ANOTHER SOLUTION.
...WELL, WE SHOULD'VE KNOWN IT WOULDN'T BE THAT EASY...

WE MAY BE ABLE TO FIND OTHER TELEPATHS.
HOWEVER ... WITH THE ASSIST-ANCE OF A STRONGER PERSON,
ANY MORE THAN THIS WOULD BE A WASTE OF TIME...
WE'RE ONLY HERE BECAUSE MOB'S LITTLE BROTHER REFERRED US AND WE DECIDED TO GIVE IT A SHOT.
STUPID... NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, THEY'RE NOTHING SPECIAL...
EH?
ASSUMING THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT THERE WITH THE POWER TO RECEIVE OUR TELEPATHY.
YEAH.
IF A TELEPATH SIMILAR TO US CAME WITHIN THAT RANGE, THEY WOULD PROBABLY PICK UP THAT NOISE...
BUT I THINK WE COULD MANAGE TO SCATTER SOME ANNOYING NOISE AROUND.
IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO SEND THE CONTENTS OF A MESSAGE DIRECTLY INTO SOMEONE'S HEAD...
HMM... SO IT'S LIKE WHEN YOUR EARS ARE RINGING.
BUT IT DISAPPEARS AS SUDDENLY AS THE WEATHER.
WE DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT'S A NATURAL PHENOME-NON OR SOMEONE IS EMITTING IT.
EVEN MY BROTHER AND I HEAR IT ONCE IN A BLUE MOON.
IT'S AN UNPLEASANT SOUND THAT ONLY TELEPATHS CAN HEAR.
NOISE ?

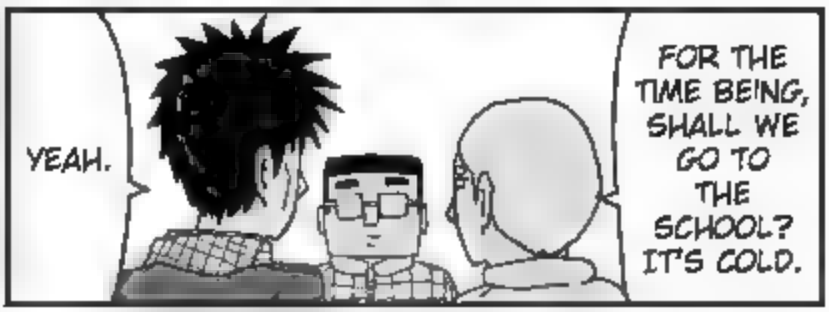
...HUH.
IF YOU DO THAT... WHAT WILL HAPPEN?
THAT DEPENDS ON THE PERSON WHO CATCHES OUR NOISE, BUT...
IF WE PERSIST AND KEEP SENDING NOISE OUT...
ASSUMING THEY DON'T IGNORE IT,
THEY MIGHT COME TOWARD THE SOURCE OF THE NOISE.
COME TOWARD US... ISN'T THAT KINDA SCARY?
WOULDN'T THAT BE, LIKE, SUMMONING SOME UNKNOWN ENTITY TOWARD US...?
BUT... BUT ASKING THEM TO DO THIS IS OUR ONLY HOPE...
WELL THEN.
WHAT SHALL WE DO? NII-SAN.

THIS IS FOR TOME-SAN'S SAKE, RIGHT?

LET'S DO IT.
I WONDER HOW I CAN HELP.


THIS SUDDENLY FEELS A LOT MORE PROMIS-ING ...!!

LET'S HAVE A STRATEGY MEETING IN THE CLUBROOM.


YEAH.
FOR THE TIME BEING, SHALL WE GO TO THE SCHOOL? IT'S COLD.

JUST THE OTHER DAY, DAICHI-ONIICHAN SENT ME A TELEPATHIC MESSAGE THAT SAID, "PICK UP SOME NATTO ON YOUR WAY HOME FROM CRAM SCHOOL."

EVEN IF KAITO IS IN THE NEXT TOWN OVER, OUR TELEPATHY CAN JUST BARELY GET THROUGH.

肉体改造部

WE ARE NOW ABLE TO COMMUNICATE ACROSS DISTANCES OF UP TO 3 KILOMETERS.

THANKS TO TERU-SAN'S TRAINING, IF WE GET SERIOUS,

SUCH A SMALL RANGE... YOU'D HAVE TO CHANGE YOUR POSITION SO MANY TIMES TO COVER THE WHOLE COUNTRY...

AND WE HAVE LESS THAN HALF A YEAR BEFORE PRESIDENT AND THE OTHERS GRADU-ATE...

AS FOR SENDING OUT NOISE IN EVERY DIRECTION, THOUGH...

IF WE DO OUR BEST, WE CAN PROBABLY MANAGE A RADIUS OF ABOUT 500 METERS...

IF THEY USED A PHONE INSTEAD, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE TO GET SERIOUS...

HE CAN PROBABLY AMPLIFY YOUR SIGNAL ABOUT TENFOLD. RIGHT, NII-SAN?
NII-SAN SHOULD BE THE ONE TO DO IT, NOT ME.
OR, WAIT, THE LITTLE BROTHER WAS AN ESPER TOO?!!
OHH...! THAT WOULD BE SO MUCH BETTER, I'D REALLY APPRECIATE IT!!
I THINK WE COULD DOUBLE OR TRIPLE THE RANGE OF OUR NOISE TRANS-MISSION.
IF KAGEYAMA-KUN AMPLIFIES OUR OUTPUT WITH HIS POWER,
I'LL TRY TO SPREAD THE SIGNAL ACROSS AS WIDE A RANGE AS I CAN.
I CAN TRY.
YES... LET'S GIVE IT EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT, DAICHI-ONIICHAN.
ALL RIGHT... LET'S GIVE THIS A TRY, KAITO.
NOW WE CAN FINALLY PAY YOU BACK, KAGEYAMA-KUN.
I'M GLAD YOU CALLED US OUT FOR SUCH AN INTERESTING EXPERI-MENT.
YEAH !!!

BUT IT'S ABOUT TO GET EVEN MORE ANNOYING.
TO TELEPATHS LIKE US, IT'S QUITE AN ANNOYING SOUND.
...WE CAN'T HEAR A THING, THOUGH...
...WE ARE NOW EMITTING NOISE.
I'M SENDING YOU SOME "POWER."
PLEASE DO.
IF WE CAN JUST AMPLIFY IT ENOUGH FOR ANOTHER TELEPATH TO RECEIVE...
MOB! TAKE US THERE!
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NO... WE NEED IT EVEN LOUDER...
UGH... GGGHGH...
AT THIS LEVEL, IT'LL REACH THE ENTIRE AJITAMA PREFECTURE
THIS... THIS DEAFENING ROAR OF NOISE...
TH... THIS IS INCREDIBLE ...
EVEN I CAN FAINTLY HEAR IT...
!!!
WE CAN MANAGE TO ENDURE IT.
IT'S FINE.
WE SHOULD PROBABLY STOP HERE.
I CAN KEEP GOING, BUT...
IT... IT'S LIKE MY HEAD'S GONNA SPLIT OPEN...
DO IT, PLEASE, BROTHER -SAN!
THIS IS THE ONLY WAY WE CAN FIND POTENTIAL TELEPATHS, SO...
SHIRATORI BROTHERS! YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUSH YOURSELVES THAT FAR!!

※AJITAMA = SOFT-BOILED EGG

※REFERRING TO MOB AS "BROTHER-SAN" THE SAME WAY TERU REFERS TO RITSU AS "BROTHER-KUN"

肉体改造部
MAYBE THAT "NOISE" THING HAS SOME KIND OF EFFECT ON THE HUMAN BODY...
ME TOO...
WHOA, I GOT GOOSE-BUMPS!
SFX: DOOR OPEN
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WHO'S THERE!?
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IT'S TAKENAKA...

WHY ARE YOU GUYS HERE?

I THOUGHT THE TELEPATHY CLUB STOPPED BEING A CLUB.

JEEZ... YOU SCARED ME.

HMM...

THE BODY IMPROVE-MENT CLUB IS LETTING US USE THIS SPACE.

A FORMER MEMBER OF THE TELEPATHY CLUB... IT WAS BECAUSE TAKENAKA-SENPA LEFT THAT WE LOST OUR OFFICIAL CLUB STATUS.

WHO IS THAT?

!?

YOU KNOW... TAKANE TSUBOM.-SAN IS IN THE GIRLS' TENNIS CLUB. WE'RE NEIGHBORS ON THE TENNIS COURT, SO IF ALL GOES WELL, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO WIN HER OVER.

AND WHAT'S WITH THAT OUTFIT. .?

WE SHOULD BE THE ONES ASKING WHY YOU'RE HERE RIGHT NOW

I JOINED THE TENNIS CLUB.

OH, THIS... AFTER I LEFT THE TELEPATHY CLUB. .

YOU'RE COM-PLAINING ABOUT SUCH AN OBVIOUS THING...

THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING IN THIS COLD-ASS WEATHER.

WHILE EVERYONE WAITS FOR THEIR TURN, WE'RE JUST SUPPOSED TO PICK UP STRAY TENNIS BALLS OR RUN AROUND THE OUTER PERIMETER..

THERE'S ONLY ONE TENNIS COURT WE BOYS CAN USE FOR PRACTICE, BUT OUR CLUB HAS LIKE 40 MEMBERS, SO...

BUT YEAH, WE HAVE TO COME OUT FOR CLUB ACTIVITIES EVEN OVER WINTER BREAK...

YOU QUIT OUR CLUB, BUT YOU'RE STILL JUST LIKE US...

NEVER THOUGHT I'D FIND YOU GUYS IN HERE.

SO I THOUGHT I'D COME TO THIS CLUBROOM AND LEISURELY SOAK UP THE INDOOR HEATING.

THE BODY IMPROVEMENT CLUB IS DOING INDEPENDENT TRAINING DURING WINTER BREAK TOO, RIGHT?

WHAT I MEAN IS, I'M HERE BECAUSE I SLIPPED AWAY WHILE THE COACH WAS TAKING A BREAK.

THOSE GUYS ARE ESPERS.

A RITUAL TO SUMMON TELE-PATHS.

...BY THE WAY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

ARE YOU REALLY SAYING THAT?

HAAH...?

HAVE YOU BEEN READING TOO MANY OCCULT BOOKS OR WHAT?!

SNAP OUT OF IT ALREADY, GOD DAMN!

I MEAN, THE TELEPATHY CLUB IS SUCH A GATHERING OF WEIRDOS... NO WONDER EVERYONE CALLS YOU CREEPY!!!

THAT'S MESSED UP!

YOU'RE STILL DOING THAT KIND OF THING?

HA HA HA !!

YEAH, YEAH... LET ME WARM UP A LITTLE AND THEN I'LL GET OUT OF HERE.

HAA

IF YOU PLAN TO GET IN OUR WAY, PLEASE LEAVE.

WE WERE REALLY GETTING SERIOUS JUST NOW.

SHUT UP.

IF WE KEEP MAKING NOISE OVER AND OVER DURING WINTER BREAK, MAYBE A TELEPATH REALLY WILL COME TO SEE US!

YEAH!

BUT LET'S TRY THAT ONE MORE TIME.

WE WERE INTER-RUPTED,

WE HAD SOME-THING PRETTY GOOD JUST NOW.

GO!

READY...

WHAT A FARCE

HA HA HA...

SFX. DOOR OPEN

AHH, GIVE ME A BREAK... GUYS LIKE YOU ARE THE REASON ADOLES-CENCE IS SUCH A PAIN...

YOU THINK IF YOU HOLD THAT POSE LONG ENOUGH, SOMETHING'S GONNA SHOW UP...? I HOPE YOU'RE HAVING FUN DECEIVING THESE GUYS WITH A LIE LIKE THAT.

HEY, YOU. WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO, MAKING EARNEST FACES LIKE THAT... AREN'T YOU EMBAR-RASSED? SELF-PRO-CLAIMED ESPERS!

SORRY IF I DISAP-POINTED YOU...

HM..? I'M JUST HERE TO PICK UP SOME DUMB-BELLS...

IT'S MUSASHI-SAN.

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!!!?

SOME-ONE ELSE SHOWED UP!

AHH, WHAT A LAUGH, WHAT A LAUGH...

PHEW...

PUKUKU...

KU KU KU KU...

AHA HA HA HA...

YOU GUYS SHOULD REALLY JUST... GIVE UP ON YOUR WEIRD DREAMS AND LIVE A NORMAL STUDENT LIFE.

WELL, THAT'S ABOUT RIGHT!

JUST ONE MORE PUSH...

I'M FEELING SOME KIND OF RESIST-ANCE...

IT... IT GOT EVEN STRONG-ER..?!

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KU... EVEN MY HEAD HAS STARTED HURTING...

MOB...

FOR SOMEONE WHO CUTS CLASS AS OFTEN AS YOU, MAYBE YOU PUSHED YOURSELF TOO HARD JUST BY JOINING A SPORTS CLUB ..

DO YOU HAVE A FEVER OR WHAT?

YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD.

...

WHAT'S WRONG, TAKENAKA?

I CAN'T HOLD BACK ANYMORE...

GUH... IT'S NO GOOD...

MAYBE THE NURSE'S OFFICE IS OPEN?!

IF YOU'RE GONNA PUKE, DON'T DO IT HERE!!?

IT'S SO ANNOY-ING!
QUIT IT WITH THAT NOISE ALREADY !!!!
YOU !!!

I REALIZED I WAS DIFFERENT FROM OTHER PEOPLE WHEN I WAS FIVE YEARS OLD.

WHEN I TRIED VOICING MY DAD'S TRUE THOUGHTS AT DINNER ONE NIGHT, MY MOM BROKE DOWN CRYING. I SENSED THAT I WAS DOING SOMETHING UNACCEPTABLE.

MY KINDER-GARTEN TEACHER'S THOUGHTS DIDN'T MATCH THE WORDS COMING OUT OF HIS MOUTH, BUT NO ONE NOTICED.

AS I GREW UP, THOSE VOICES GOT LOUDER, AND MY RANGE OF RECEPTION EXPANDED. IT WAS ABSOLUTELY TORTUROUS.

IT'S NOT LIKE I TRY TO HEAR THEM. WHEN SOMEONE IS NEARBY, THE VOICE OF THEIR HEART JUST COMES TO ME...

I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD READ OTHER PEOPLE'S THOUGHTS.

I FOUND THAT I COULD SEND THE VOICE OF MY HEART DIRECTLY TO WHOMEVER I SO CHOSE.

BUT STARTING AROUND 3RD GRADE...

PEOPLE EXCITEDLY SCOLDING, HATING, REJOICING .. THE STRONGER THE EMOTIONS, THE LOUDER THE VOICES OF THEIR HEARTS

YOU GUYS PROBABLY CAN'T EMPATH ZE WITH THAT, BUT.

FOR INSTANCE, A LATER NIGHT SOCCER BROADCAST ON TV... ON A DAY WHEN THERE WAS A GOOD MATCH BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE R STRONGEST OPPOSING TEAM, IT WAS JUST .. EVERYONE WAS SO NOISY, I HARDLY GOT ANY SLEEP...

OOH, I WANNA EAT SOME POTATO CH PS.

GOTTA GO SHOP- LIFTING AGAIN.

OKAY, I'LL REMEMBER THAT.

I STILL HAVE PLENTY LEFT AT HOME, YOU WANT SOME?

REALLY? THEN I WANT CRACKLING GUM!

WE'VE GOT EVERYTHING, SO I CAN BRING STUFF WITH ME NEXT TIME

YOU'RE ALWAYS CARRYING SNACKS AROUND. DO YOU GET A BIG ALLOW- ANCE?

MUST BE NICE.

O- OKAY!

WHAT'S WITH YOU?

Take it back !!!

EH!?

Take it back to the store.

Are you an idiot? You're gonna get arrested.

Principal! Your speech is so boring! Just hurry up and end this meaningless morning assembly!!

Do it or I'll tell everyone how you ogle the health teacher!

!!?

THESE DAMN KIDS... THEY'RE ONLY PRETENDING TO LISTEN TO MY GENEROUS SPEECH.

I'LL TALK FOR ANOTHER 10 MINUTES, THAT'LL TEACH 'EM.

AFTER THAT, IN ORDER TO RELIEVE MY STRESS, I WOULD USE THE VOICE OF MY HEART TO YELL AT PEOPLE EVERY DAY.

Inukawa.

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I don't do that any-more.

YOU... YOU'VE BEEN LIVING LIKE THAT THIS WHOLE TIME?

Kijibayashi-senpai...

Saruta...

!!!

J-JUST NOW... TAKENAKA SPOKE DIRECTLY INTO MY MIND...?!!

WHAT'S WRONG?

TELE-PATHS, THEY AREN'T NORMAL..

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..THIS GUY MIGHT BE SCARY...

WHOA?! WAIT, I'M NOT USED TO THIS YET...

If you can't believe it, shall I serenade you with a lullaby every night until you do?

SERI-OUSLY?! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT... TO THINK TAKENAKA COULD DO SOMETHING LIKE..

WELL, DON'T WORRY, EVERY-ONE.

I'M NOT INTER-ESTED.

IT'S NOT LIKE I LISTEN TO ALL OF YOUR INNER FEELINGS ALL THE TIME

DID YOU LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF MY HEART?

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I SUPPOSE I AM SCARY AND IT'S TRUE THAT MY EXIST-ENCE IS ABNOR-MAL.

NO MATTER HOW CLOSELY I BOND WITH SOMEONE, AFTER THEY HEAR THIS STORY, THEY WON'T COME NEAR ME.

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF HEARING THE VOICES OF PEOPLE'S HEARTS. I'M SICK OF IT.

THAT'S WHY I WEAR EARPLUGS AT ALL TIMES.

I'VE SEALED IT AWAY, THIS ABILITY.

FOR THE SAKE OF SELF-DEFENSE, I TAUGHT MYSELF HOW TO SHUT OUT THE VOICES OF OTHER PEOPLE'S HEARTS.

I'VE COME ACROSS PLENTY OF SINISTER PEOPLE SO FAR, AND THERE'S NOTHING FUN ABOUT DISCOVERING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEIR PUBLIC FACE AND THEIR TRUE THOUGHTS.

AH... THAT'S RIGHT, SORRY ABOUT THAT.

SO I WONDERED WHAT IT WAS...

EVEN WITH THE EARPLUGS, I COULD HEAR AN UNBEARABLE LEVEL OF NOISE...

AND YET ...

I MEAN, I ALREADY KNOW YOU GUYS HAVE NO REAL INTEREST IN TELEPATHY.

WHY NOW, OF ALL TIMES...

TAKENAKA.. WOULD YOU MIND HELPING US OUT?

WE WERE DOING OUR BEST TO SEARCH FOR TELEPATHS.

YOU WERE SEARCHING FOR FELLOW TELEPATHS, WEREN'T YOU?

TRY SOMETHING ELSE.

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF REMOVING THESE EARPLUGS.

I DON'T WANT TO FEEL BAD ABOUT TELEPATHY ANYMORE... NOT EVEN A LITTLE.

BECAUSE YOU THOUGHT, "MAYBE THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE LIKE ME..."

...RIGHT?

THAT'S WHY YOU JOINED THE TELEPATHY CLUB, TAKENAKA-KUN.

HAH?

BECAUSE OF THIS PLACE... THE FAINT HOPE THAT I CLUNG TO— THE NOTION THAT SOMEWHERE, THERE MIGHT BE PEOPLE WHO CAN EMPATHIZE WITH ME, FRIENDS WHO SHARE MY STRUGGLES— IS GONE NOW.

THAT'S WHY I DETESTED THIS PLACE.

BUT I WAS DISAPPOINTED.. WITH ALL THE LAZY PEOPLE GATHERED HERE, IT WAS NOTHING MORE THAN AN OCCULT RESEARCH CLUB.

...YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.

"JUST LIKE" ME?

CAN THE THREE OF THEM HEAR THE VOICES OF OTHER PEOPLE'S HEARTS?

YOU HEARD THE NOISE THESE THREE WERE MAKING, TAKENAKA! THAT'S THE REAL REASON YOU CAME HERE, ISN'T IT?

WAIT, WAIT! I'M TELLING YOU, THESE THREE ARE ESPERS JUST LIKE YOU!!

AND I CAN AMPLIFY OTHER PEOPLE'S "POWER," IT SEEMS.

I CAN... USE TELEKI-NESIS TO MOVE THINGS AROUND...

WE AREN'T ABLE TO DISCERN WHAT THEY ARE THINKING ABOUT.

AS FOR OTHER PEOPLE, THE MOST WE CAN DO IS DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THEY'RE LYING.

WE ARE ABLE TO MUTUALLY COMMU-NICATE THOUGHTS, BUT ONLY BETWEEN US TWINS.

BUT I KNOW I CAN'T READ ANOTHER PERSON'S HEART.

YEAH... WHAT YOU JUST SAID IS PRETTY *MUCH* RIGHT...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "IT SEEMS"? YOU DON'T KNOW THE EXTENT OF WHAT YOU CAN DO?

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH...

THEN WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING IN *COMMON*.

ARE YOU SAYING I SHOULD JUST OBEDIENTLY LET THESE GUYS USE ME FOR THEIR MEMORY MAKING?

SO WHAT?

THEIR NEED FOR YOUR "POWER" IS REAL.

EVEN IF THE PEOPLE IN THE TELEPATHY CLUB CAN'T SHARE YOUR STRUGGLES...

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?

IF YOU'RE TRULY NOT INTERESTED AT ALL.

"USE" YOU... IF YOU SEE THIS AS NOTHING MORE THAN BEING USED, I DON'T MIND IF YOU REFUSE TO WORK WITH US.

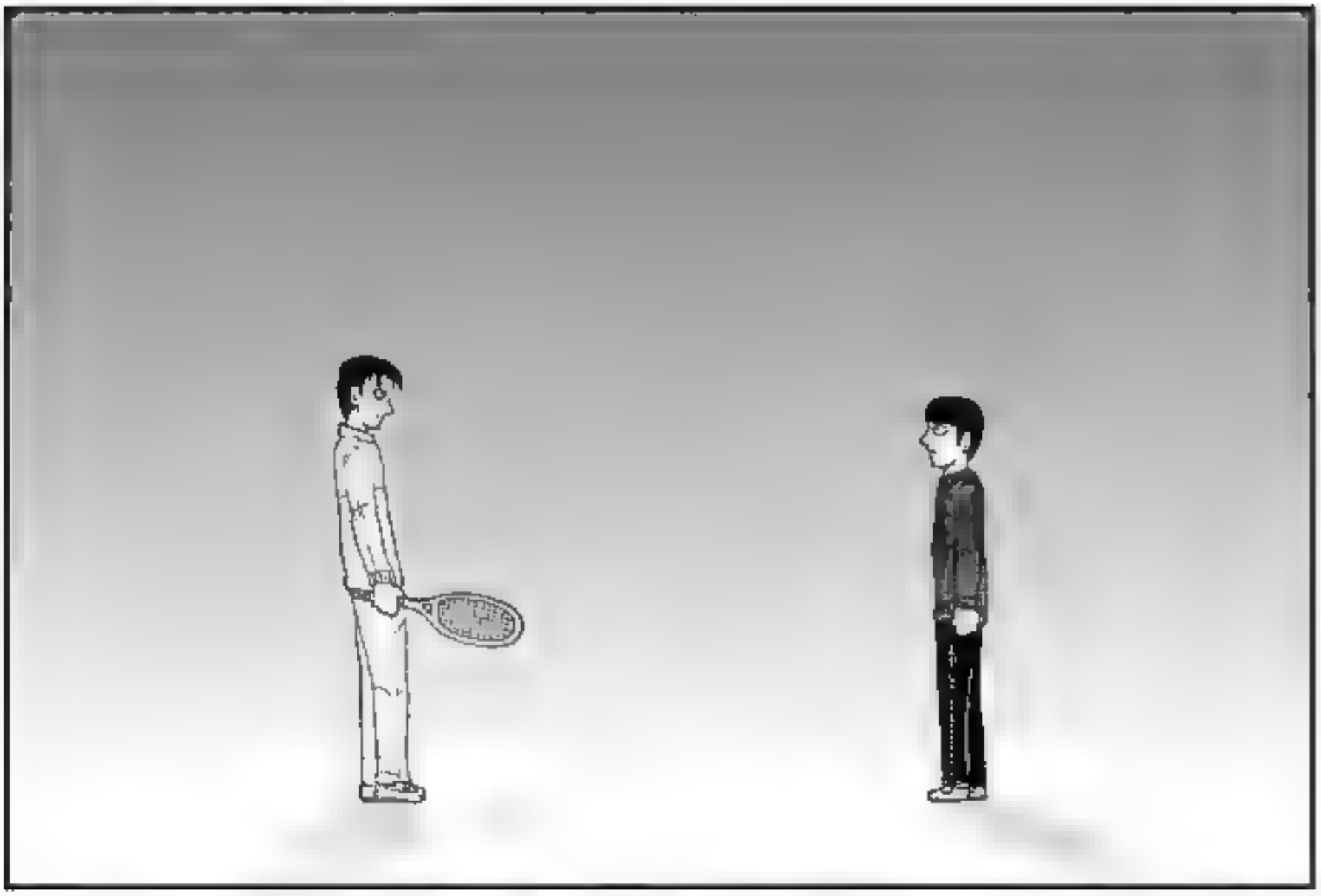
THAT'S HOW I REALLY FEEL!

WHEN PEOPLE ASK ME FOR FAVORS, SOMETIMES ACCEPTING THEIR REQUEST TURNS OUT TO BE THE MOST ENJOYABLE OPTION.

I HAVE ALSO BEEN FRUSTRATED WITH MY OWN POWER AT TIMES, BUT... EVEN IF I COVER IT UP, I CAN'T GET RID OF IT, SINCE IT'S A PART OF ME...

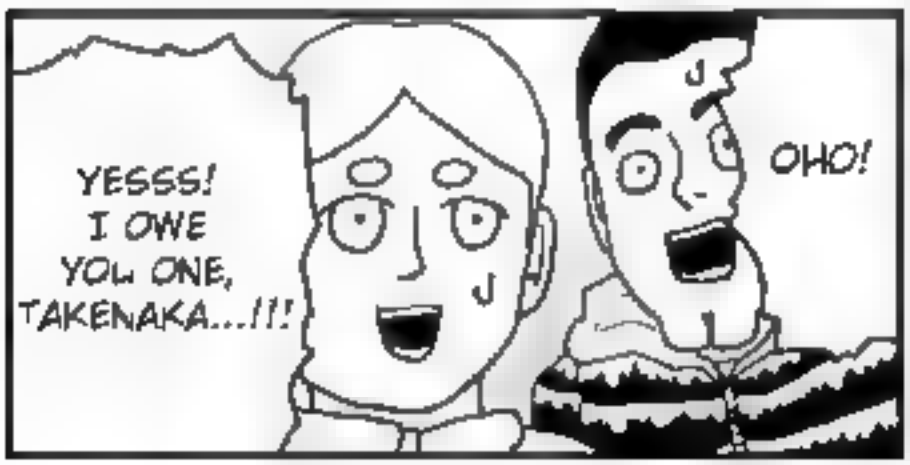
WHAT KIND OF SELF-IMPOR-TANT...

AS IF I DON'T ALREADY KNOW...



I'D HATE FOR YOU TO MAKE ANY MORE OF THAT NOISE, SO...
I'LL MAKE AN EXCEPTION AND COOPERATE, JUST THIS ONCE.

WELL...
MM...


YESSS! I OWE YOU ONE, TAKENAKA...!!!
OHO!

DID YOU...

DID YOU READ NII-SAN'S HEART?

TAKE-NAKA-SENPAI.

A LITTLE BROTHER, HUH. WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

DO YOU HAVE SOME KIND OF COMPLEX ABOUT BEING UNABLE TO RELATE TO YOUR BIG BRO?

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IS THAT WHAT THE VOICE OF MY HEART IS SAYING...?!

PFF-...

NAH, I JUST FELT LIKE SAYING THAT.

I MAY HAVE EARPLUGS IN, BUT SOME THINGS CAN BE CONVEYED THROUGH EYE CONTACT.

ANYONE CAN DO IT.

I WANT TO CHERISH THINGS LIKE THAT.

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AH, YES, PRESIDENT MUSASHI.

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WE'LL ALSO BE HEADING HOME.

SO MAKE SURE TO LOCK UP WHEN YOU'RE DONE HERE.

KAGE-YAMA. I'M HEADING OUT,

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AFTER HEARING THE CIRCUM-STANCES, WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BEST TO LEAVE THE REST OF THE MEMORY MAKING TO THE CLUB MEMBERS THEMSELVES.

IT SEEMS LIKE YOU DON'T NEED US TO HELP OUT WITH ANYTHING ELSE, SO...

BUT THINGS WERE JUST ABOUT TO GET INTER-ESTING.

YOU'RE LEAVING, SHIRATORI BROTH-ERS?!

THANKS, YOU THREE!!! WE'LL LET YOU KNOW HOW IT TURNS OUT!

PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO FIND SOME ALIENS.

WELL THEN, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, EVERY-ONE.

I UNDER-STAND... I'LL BE LEAVING TOO.

OOF... YOU'RE MAKING IT SOUND LIKE I NEED TO TAKE A HINT...

SO,

THE THING IS, THERE'S SOME INTER-ESTING INFOR-MATION IN THIS BOOK.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER, THE FIRST SIGHTING WAS 35 YEARS AGO, THEN 28 YEARS AGO, THEN 21 YEARS AGO... CONTINUING LIKE THAT UNTIL 7 YEARS AGO, WHEN IT WAS LAST WITNESSED...

AND THE DATA FROM THOSE REPORTS SUGGESTS THAT IT HAPPENS EVERY 7 YEARS...

THE PAST REPORTS SEEM TO INDICATE THAT ALL OF THOSE SUPPOSED UFO SIGHTINGS HAVE OCCURRED WITHIN A CERTAIN TIME FRAME ON NEW YEAR'S EVE.

THERE ARE MANY EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF UFO SIGHTINGS THERE, BUT...

IN THE NEIGHBORING ZEBRA PREFECTURE, THERE EXISTS ONE MUD BOAT MOUNTAIN...

NOT FAR FROM OUR SOFT-BOILED EGG PREFECTURE,

TO THINK YOU'D EARNESTLY BELIEVE INFORMATION LIKE THIS...

YOU GOT YOUR HANDS ON SOME PRETTY TIMELY INFORMATION, HUH.

ASSUMING THE ARTICLE IN THIS BOOK ISN'T A HOAX!!!!

THAT MEANS THE NEXT SIGHTING WILL BE ON NEW YEAR'S EVE THIS YEAR! AS IN, UFOS MIGHT APPEAR IN THE SKY ABOVE MUD BOAT MOUNTAIN!!!

TAKENAKA, I WANT YOU TO GO TO MUD BOAT MOUNTAIN ON NEW YEAR'S EVE AND SEND A TELEPATHIC SIGNAL OUT INTO THE SKY.

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UNDER-STOOD.

AND KAGEYAMA-KUN... IF YOU COULD ACCOMPANY TAKENAKA AND SUPPORT HIM WITH THE SAME TECHNIQUE YOU WERE USING EARLIER, IT'D BE MUCH APPRECIATED.

ALRIGHT. I'LL WORK WITH YOU AND KEEP MY RUDE COMMENTS TO MYSELF.

YOU GUYS HAVE BECOME JUST LIKE PRESIDENT KURATA.

IT'S MILD SALINITY SERVES TO DRIVE AWAY EVIL SPIRITS, AND IT'S ALSO EFFECTIVE AT SOOTHING EXHAUSTION, SO PLEASE FEEL FREE TO TAKE IT WITH YOU.

HERE, FOR YOU.

WE'VE RECENTLY BEGUN MAIL-ORDERING THIS CLEANSING PLUM KOMBUCHA.

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INSUFFICIENT MOISTURE IN THE BODY LEADS TO POOR CIRCULATION, WHICH IN TURN COULD ONCE AGAIN ATTRACT THE EVIL SPIRITS THAT BRING A SENSE OF FATIGUE, POOR SLEEPING HABITS, AND OTHER SYMPTOMS, YOU SEE...

AS SUCH, PLEASE BE SURE TO TAKE IN AS MUCH MOISTURE AS POSSIBLE.

WINTER ITSELF ALSO AFFECTS SPIRITUAL THINGS LIKE THAT; FOR EXAMPLE, THE DRYNESS MAKES IT EASIER TO GET DEHYDRATED.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

I'LL BE COUNTING ON YOU NEXT TIME AS WELL, REIGEN-SENSEI!

YES, TAKE CARE.

IF YOU LIKE, I CAN TEACH YOU HOW TO PERFORM SOME EXORCISM STRETCHES NEXT TIME.

ALSO, IF YOU FIND THAT YOU GET INSUFFICIENT EXERCISE WHEN IT'S COLD, I RECOMMEND DOING SOME STRETCHES AFTER A BATH.

OOH...

SERI-ZAWA.

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?

IT'S HOME-WORK FOR SCHOOL

I GOTTA GET IT DONE OVER WINTER BREAK!

PHEW..

WELL, WHEN IT'S THIS COLD, THERE'S JUST NOTHING I FEEL LIKE DOING

I'M SLEEPY.

MY OWN BODY IS FEELING PRETTY HEAVY.

WHEN I'M WORKING LIKE THIS, THE END OF THE YEAR DOESN'T FEEL QUITE SO FRENETIC...

WINTER BREAK, HUH.. NOW THERE'S A NICE EVENT FOR STUDENTS.

WHEN I WAS A KID, THERE WAS A CERTAIN END-OF-YEAR EXCITEMENT IN THE AIR, BUT THAT'S GONE TOO... NOW IT'S JUST COLD.

AH, WANNA GO GET A DRINK OR SOMETHING FOR ONCE?

I SEE...

SORRY, BUT A FRIEND I MET AT SCHOOL INVITED ME TO A YEAR-END PARTY TODAY.

PLANS FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE? NAH, I'M FREE.

DID YOU WANT TO GO FOR HATSU-MODE OR SOME-THING?

HELLO... OH, IT'S MOB WHAT'S UP?

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OKAY, SURE... MIGHT AS WELL.

HAA... JEEZ, WHY DO I HAVE TO GO BABYSITTING ON NEW YEAR'S EVE...

I'M HAPPY FOR YOU, REIGEN-SAN...

LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE GOING ON A YEAR-END UFO HUNT.

THOSE GUYS CALLED ME OUT JUST BECAUSE THEY WANT ME TO RENT A CAR AND TAKE THEM THERE, IF YOU CAN BELIEVE IT.

I'VE GOT INTENSIVE MIDWINTER BOOT CAMP AT CRAM SCHOOL.

WE'RE GOING TO SPEND THE REST OF THE YEAR DESPERATELY STUDYING FOR ENTRANCE EXAMS.

I'M NOT GOING.

EITHER WAY, THE TELEPATHY CLUB IS ALREADY DISBANDED, SO YOU'RE FREE TO DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.

AND REALLY, WHY ARE YOU DOING THAT NOW, OF ALL TIMES?

BUT AFTER THAT, PRESIDENT KURATA STOPPED ANSWERING HER PHONE...

ALL WE CAN DO IS KEEP TRYING TO INVITE HER UNTIL NEW YEAR'S EVE... I'M SURE SHE'LL AGREE EVENTUALLY.

ARE YOU SERIOUS... PRESIDENT KURATA...

SHE'S SAID SHE'S NOT COMING...

OMAKE: JOINT OFFLINE MEETUP

THEIR INTERACTIONS ARE NOW FEW AND FAR BETWEEN, AND SIX MONTHS AGO, THE GROUPS STOPPED EXCHANGING STATUS REPORTS.

AS THEIR QUARRELS ESCALATE, THE PRETEXT BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS IS BECOMING DEEPLY INGRAINED.

AT FIRST, THE ESPER ROLEPLAYING CIRCLES KNOWN AS "SHINING FORCE" AND "DARK LEGION" WERE JUST PLAYING THE ROLES OF OPPOSING ORGANIZATIONS, BUT THE BAD FEELINGS BETWEEN THEM EVENTUALLY BECAME REAL.

THE DARK LEGION HAS ALSO AGREED TO THIS.

AT LONG LAST, WE WILL HAVE A JOINT OFFLINE MEETING.

IS THAT REALLY OKAY? FOR A LEVEL 2-ISH LIKE ME TO GO...

THE DARK LEGION...

WHEN THOSE DARK LEGION JERKS SEE THIS "GODSENT CHILD OF FIRE AND FLAME" GO ASAHI, THEY'LL BE BLOWN AWAY.

BUT NOW WE'VE GOT THE REAL DEAL.

AND SO, THE DAY OF THE JOINT OFFLINE MEETUP ARRIVED.

PLEASE, SHOW THOSE GUYS WHAT YOU'RE MADE OF!!!

IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE! QUITE THE CONTRARY, IN FACT, WE'D HATE FOR YOU TO MISS IT

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I EVEN WOKE UP BEFORE MY ALARM...
YAWN~... WHAT A GREAT SLEEP...
AND SO, NEW YEAR'S EVE.
DOES THAT MEAN I OVER-SLEPT...?
EH? WHAT TIME IS IT...?!!
MM...?
WAIT, MY ALARM CLOCK'S OUT OF BATTER-ES...
EVEN THOUGH I ALWAYS LECTURE MOB ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PUNCTUALITY!!!!
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!!
I'M SO LATE!!!
HEY THERE, MOB!

YOUR MASTER ISN'T WITH YOU, KAGE-YAMA-KUN?

HE SAID TO GATHER EVERYONE UP AND GO MEET HIM IN THE PARKING LOT AT THE SUPERMARKET IN FRONT OF THE STATION'S WEST ENTRANCE.

WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU TODAY!

MORN-ING.

I'LL DO WHAT I CAN.

YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.

WE'VE COME THIS FAR, SO LET'S FIND SOME UFOS FOR SURE.

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IS TOME-SAN COMING?

NO, IN THE END, WE LOST CONTACT WITH HER.

SHE SEEMS TO BE BUSY WITH OTHER THINGS...

IT'S A SHAME THAT PRESIDENT KURATA CAN'T PARTIC-IPATE,

BUT F WE TAKE SOME PHOTOS OF UFOS AND GIVE THEM TO HER, I'M SURE SHE'LL BE HAPPY!

AH...

THAT'S WHERE WE DECIDED TO MEET

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE HERE ABOUT 15 MINUTES EARLY...

WHAT'S GOING ON, PRESIDENT KURATA..?

WHAT ABOUT CRAM SCHOOL BOOT CAMP?

I'M SKIPPING THAT.

WHAT, SHOULD I NOT BE HERE?

BEFORE ANYONE ELSE...

SHE DOES USUALLY SHOW UP...

SO?

WHERE'S THAT TELEPATH YOU SAID YOU FOUND?

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...AH, IS THAT SO? MY PHONE IS BROKEN, SO I DIDN'T NOTICE.

NO. I MEAN, YOU DIDN'T ANSWER YOUR PHONE AT ALL..

WELL, I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE IN GOOD SPIRITS.

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WHAT KIND OF EXCUSE IS THAT..

LET'S WAIT A LITTLE LONGER.

IT'S STILL EARLY, SO...

HE'S... NOT HERE YET.

IT'S ALREADY 9:20.

WE AGREED TO MEET AT 9AM, RIGHT?

WITHOUT A TELEPATH, THIS RENDEZ-VOUS IS MEANING-LESS!

WHAT KIND OF GUY WOULD BAIL ON A NEW YEAR'S EVE PROMISE?!

DON'T TELL ME HE'S GONNA CANCEL AT THE LAST MINUTE...

I WONDER IF SOME-THING HAP-PENED...?

WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?!

EH? HE'S THE KIND OF PERSON WHO MIGHT CANCEL AT THE LAST MINUTE?

HUH? SO IT'S SOMEONE I KNOW? THAT CAN'T BE GOOD...

YEAH.. I THOUGHT THAT IF I TOLD HER, SHE DEFINITELY WOULDN'T SHOW UP...

AH.. KURATA STILL DOESN'T KNOW, HUH

I TEXTED HIM EARLIER AND EXPLAINED THE CIRCUM-STANCES, BUT HE HASN'T REPLIED...

HMM... I WONDER... MASTER IS PRETTY STRICT ABOUT BEING LATE...

IS IT OKAY TO KEEP YOUR MASTER WAITING THIS LONG?

WE'RE ALREADY 35 MINUTES LATE..

BUT OUR TELEPATH ISN'T HERE...

TAKENAKA ISN'T ANSWERING HIS PHONE EITHER...

IT'S NOT THE KIND OF PLACE YOU CAN REACH BY TRAIN...

SO WE NEED TO GO BY CAR...

I HOPE HE'S NOT MAD...

EH?! THEN DON'T WE NEED TO GET GOING ALREADY?!

WE DON'T WANT TO UPSET YOUR MASTER, HE'S DRIVING FOR US!

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WE CAN ALL APOLOGIZE TO MASTER LATER...

LET'S WAIT.

AH.

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IF HE'S NOT HERE AFTER WE'VE WAITED AN HOUR, HE'S NOT COMING.

IT'S 9:55...

WHAT CAN WE DO AFTER THIS...

I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO CALL IT OFF..

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MY BAD...
I AM A TELEPATH.
PRESI-DENT... KURATA...
I'M SORRY FOR BEING LATE...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
TAKE-NAKA...

WHAT THE... WAIT, AM I BEING PRANKED RIGHT NOW?

HAAH?!

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HURRY, HURRY!!

HE MIGHT'VE ALREADY GOTTEN MAD AND LEFT!

WELL, PUTTING THAT ASIDE, EVERYONE'S HERE, SO LET'S HEAD TOWARD THE PARKING LOT!

LET'S RUN!

MASTER.. WE'RE SORRY FOR BEING LATE!!

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ALL RIGHT, IS EVERYONE HERE?

THEN OFF WE GO.

AHH... DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. LET'S JUST TAKE OUR TIME. IT'S NEW YEAR'S EVE, AFTER ALL.

GOT HERE 2 MINUTES AGO

HOW DID YOU END UP OVER-SLEEPING ON SUCH AN IMPOR-TANT DAY?

I HAD SOME TROUBLE SLEEPING.

WERE THE VOICES OF PEOPLE'S HEARTS TOO NOISY AGAIN?

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PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY.

HOW ABOUT WE STOP TALKING FOR A LITTLE WHILE.

NO... I WAS NERVOUS.

IT'S BEEN QUITE A WHILE SINCE I'VE DONE THINGS WITH PEOPLE LIKE THIS...

PRESIDENT, DO YOU HAVE ANY GUM?

HMPH...

NOPE.

NO, THIS GUY IS THE REAL THING..

IT'S FINE, INUKAWA. I MEAN, I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF I'LL BE ABLE TO SUMMON A UFO OR ANYTHING.

YOU SURE HAD ME FOOLED.

TO THINK YOU'D BRING TAKENAKA WHEN I WAS EXPECTING A TELEPATH...

THIS ISN'T SOME JOYRIDE, YOU KNOW.

OH, WE'RE HERE?

APPROACHING DESTINATION. VOICE GUIDANCE WILL NOW CEASE.

IT'S MUD BOAT MOUNTAIN.

NOTHING BUT WINDING MOUNTAIN ROADS FROM HERE. NOBODY BETTER GET CARSICK BEFORE WE START OUR UFO SEARCH.

FINALLY, THIS DAY HAS COME... SHINING FORCE...!!

I BET YOU'RE ALL WONDERING WHY WE INVITED YOU TO A JOINT OFFLINE MEETUP SO SUDDENLY... KUKUKU..

IF YOU'RE THINKING OF TRYING ANYTHING, DON'T BOTHER.

YOU'RE THE AWE-SOME ONE HERE, GO-KUN!!

BUT YOU NEED NOT FEAR!

THOSE GUYS ARE THE AFORE-MENTIONED DARK LEGION.

THE "BLACK METEOR," MASTER HOSHINO!

IT'S YOUR TURN, MASTER.

※THEY'RE LITERALLY SAYING THE ENGLISH WORD "MASTER."

HANG IN THERE, MOB, WE'RE ALMOST THERE. (MAYBE)

GOT CAR-SICK.

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I WONDER IF IT'S OKAY TO BE DRIVING A CAR HERE...

IT'S NOT PAVED AT ALL...

...THIS ROAD IS REALLY SOME-THING.

EH...

CAN'T SEEM TO FIND A PARKING SPACE EITHER..

THERE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A HIKING TRAIL, BUT... I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY SIGN OF IT.

I FEEL LIKE WE DROVE PAST ONE ABOUT 40 MINUTES AGO...

A SIGN FOR THE HIKING TRAIL...

WHAT'S UP, KIJIBAYASHI?

EH?

MAYBE IT WAS THAT FORK IN THE ROAD THAT LED TO A NARROW PATH A WHILE BACK...

NO, I JUST...!! I THOUGHT WE SHOULD TAKE THE CAR AS FAR AS POSSIBLE BEFORE WE START WALKING!

WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY ANYTHING SOONER, YOU!!!

KU... ON SUCH A NARROW ROAD, OUR ONLY OPTIONS ARE PUTTING IT IN REVERSE OR CONTINUING FORWARD.

M.. MAYBE WE CAN MAKE A U-TURN SOMEWHERE AND GO BACK THE WAY WE CAME...

SARUTA! THIS IS YOUR FAULT FOR SAYING VAGUE THINGS EARLIER!!

WE SHOULD'VE STARTED BACK-TRACKING RIGHT AWAY!

IT'S A DEAD END.

I WON-DER.

IF WE KEEP GOING THIS WAY, WE'RE BOUND TO COME OUT SOME-WHERE, DON'T YOU THINK?

HIS HEAD IS STARTING TO LOOK LIKE A BEGINNER'S MARK...

REIGEN-SAN HAS LOST HIS USUAL COMPO-SURE...

10 YEARS OF DRIVING INEXPERIENCE

NO, THAT'S... EVEN IF YOU BLAME ME...

※BEGINNER'S MARK: THIS SYMBOL 🔰 USED IN JAPAN TO DENOTE NEW DRIVERS

GIVE IT A REST.

TCH..

AH! I HEARD THAT, YOU KNOW!!!?

YOU WERE SLEEPING, WEREN'T YOU, TAKE-NAKA?!

DON'T ACT SO RELAXED WHEN YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SHOWED UP AN HOUR LATE!!!!

IT'S ONLY 1:30PM, SO THERE'S PROBABLY NO NEED TO PANIC.

LOOKS LIKE OUR ONLY OPTION IS TO CAREFULLY BACK UP UNTIL WE FIND SOMEWHERE WITH ENOUGH SPACE TO DO A U-TURN.

YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE TALKIN
LIKE THAT, WHO DO YOU THIN
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NOW, NOW.

THE FUCK DID YOU JUST SAY?!! WE'RE ONLY
LLING THIS NSANE STUNT CAUSE OU GOT ALL BENT OUT OF SHAPE THAT ONE TIME

I THREW OUT MY OTHER NEW YEAR'S EVE PLANS JUST TO BE HERE.

HAH? ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME?

IF YOU GET MAD, THE UFOS WON'T SHOW UP.

NOW, NOW, PLEASE TRY TO CALM DOWN.

M-MOB

!!!?

OKAY, WELL, LET'S BACK UP THE WAY WE CAME...

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SORRY, IS ANYONE HURT?

I'M FINE.

NUWAAH!? I CRASHED THE RENTAL CAAAA- -AAAA- -AAR!!!

TODAY IS YOUR ONLY CHANCE, RIGHT?

Y... YES...

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THE DAYS ARE SHORTER DURING WINTER, SO IT'LL GET DARK AROUND 5PM.

MOB IS CARSICK, SO IF WE STAY PUT UNTIL HE RECOVERS, WE'LL REACH THE SUMMIT BY THE TIME THE SUN SETS.

PHEW.

ON STANDBY

IF WE'RE WALKING, THEN RATHER THAN BACK-TRACKING, SHOULDN'T WE CONTINUE FORWARD?

I'LL COME BACK FOR THE CAR AT A LATER DATE.

THEN, AFTER BUSINESS HAS BEEN TAKEN CARE OF, WE'LL DESCEND THE MOUNTAIN UNTIL WE CAN FIND A PUBLIC ROAD AND CALL A TAXI

AFTER ALL, I CAN'T TAKE RESPONS- B LITY IF SOMETH NG HAPPENS TO YOU GUYS.

NO, THAT'S NO GOOD. AMATEURS SHOULDN'T FOLLOW ANIMAL TRAILS ON AN UNFAMILIAR MOUNTA N.

THAT'S PROBABLY THE FASTEST WAY

ALL RIGHT, LET'S HEAD BACK DOWN THE ROAD UNTIL WE REACH THE HIKING TRAIL.

URK... I MIGHT THROW UP AFTER ALL

OKAY, YOU GO WITH HIM.

EXCUSE ME FOR A SECOND, I NEED TO GO TAKE A LEAK.

NASTY.

WAIT, GOING ALONE IS RISKY.

WE'LL ALL GO TOGETH-ER.

JEEZ... IT'S NOT SUCH A BIG DEAL...

SARUTA AND MOB STILL HAVEN'T COME BACK.

DID THEY GET LOST? I'LL GO HAVE A LOOK.

GOT LOST.

IF WE FIND A PLACE WITH A GOOD VIEW, WE CAN BETTER DETERMINE OUR ROUTE.

IN THE CASE OF A MOUNTAIN STRANDING... RATHER THAN HURRYING DOWN THE MOUNTAIN, IT'S LESS RISKY TO ASCEND TOWARD THE PEAK RIGHT AWAY, OR SO I'VE HEARD.

IT'LL BE DANGEROUS AFTER THE SUN SETS, SO.

SHALL WE... DESCEND THE MOUNTAIN..

WE'VE COMPLETELY LOST SIGHT OF THE ROAD.

WHICH WAY DID WE COME FROM AGAIN...?

UWA. MY PHONE HAS NO SIGNAL.

HAA...

BE SURE TO WATCH YOUR STEP.

IT'S STILL LIGHT OUT. LET'S WALK.

HE'S AN AMATEUR, BUT THE KNOWLEDGE IS THERE, AT LEAST...

SO THAT'S HOW IT IS...

THAT HAD THE INCANTATION FOR THE UFO SUMMONING CEREMONY AND STUFF...!!

EH- NO WAY-

OH SHIT... THE BOOK... I LEFT [CIPHER FROM THE SKY] IN THE CAR!

AH.

TAKENAKA OUGHT TO HURRY UP AND PROVE HE'S A REAL TELEPATH ALREADY, BUT HE'S HOLDING BACK FOR SOME REASON..

PRESIDENT... SHE'S REALLY IN A BAD MOOD...

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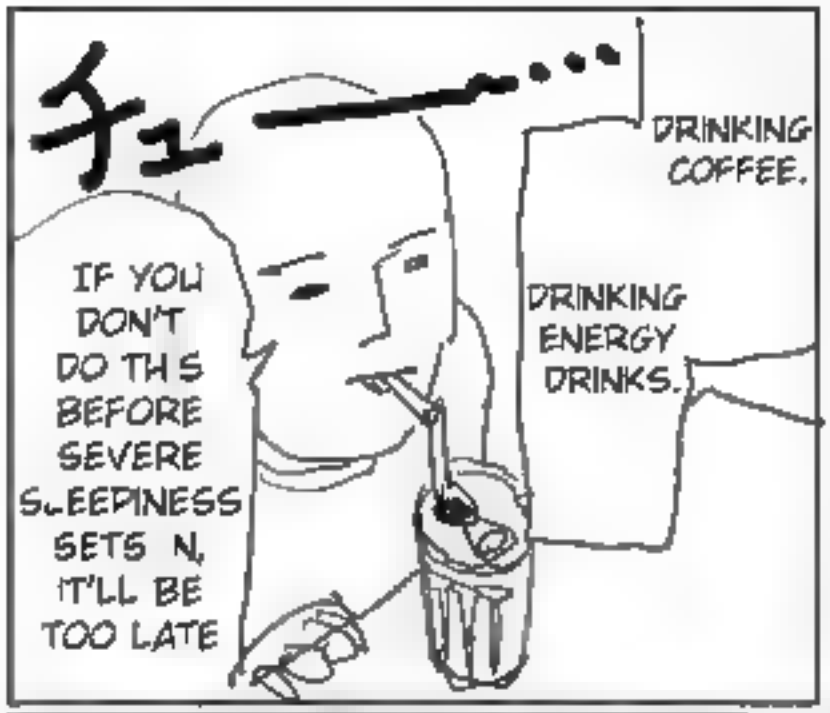
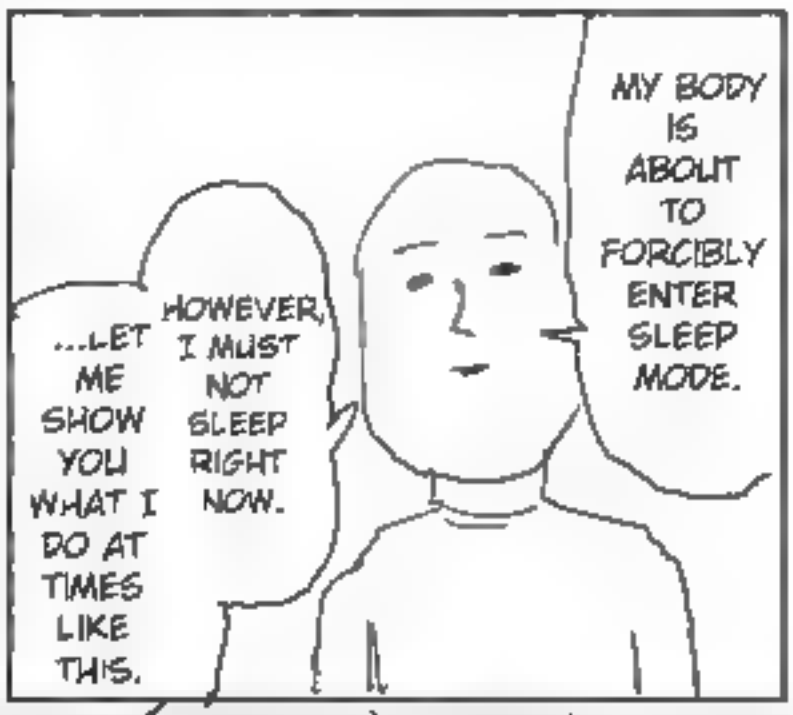
HAHA... DON'T MIND THAT.

AH...

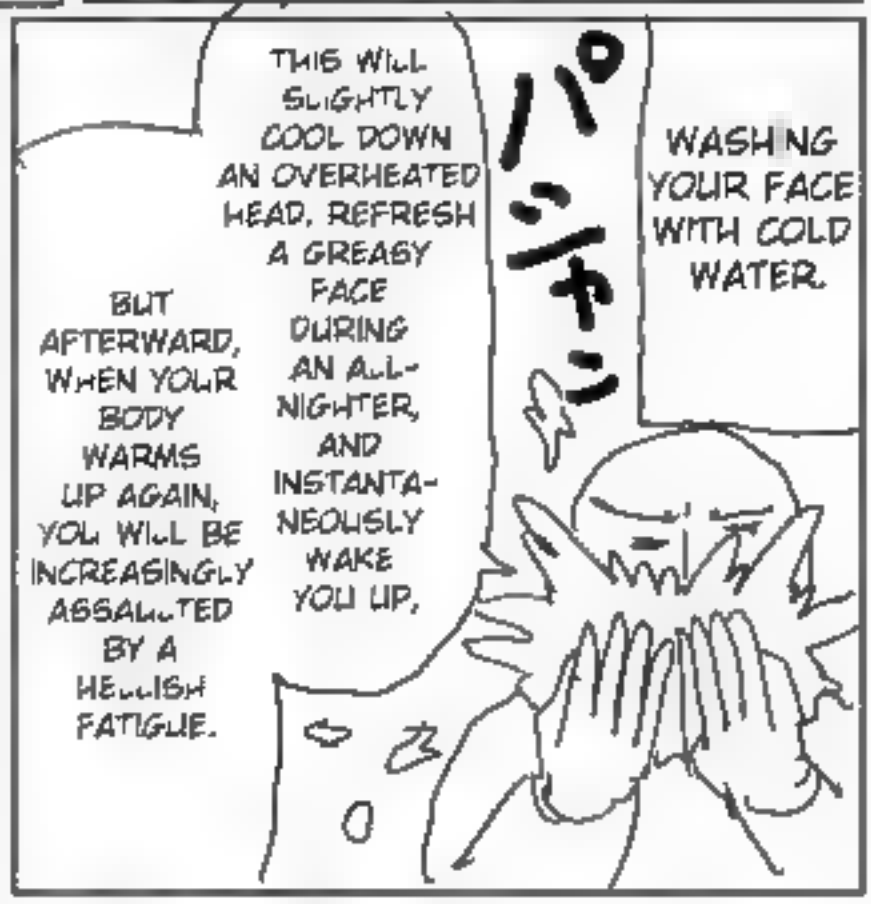
MY FEET HAVE BEEN FEELING HEAVY SINCE BEFORE WE EVEN STARTED.

OMAKE: I SHALL DRAW THIS WEEK'S OMAKE FROM A PLACE OF MONUMENTAL DROWSINESS

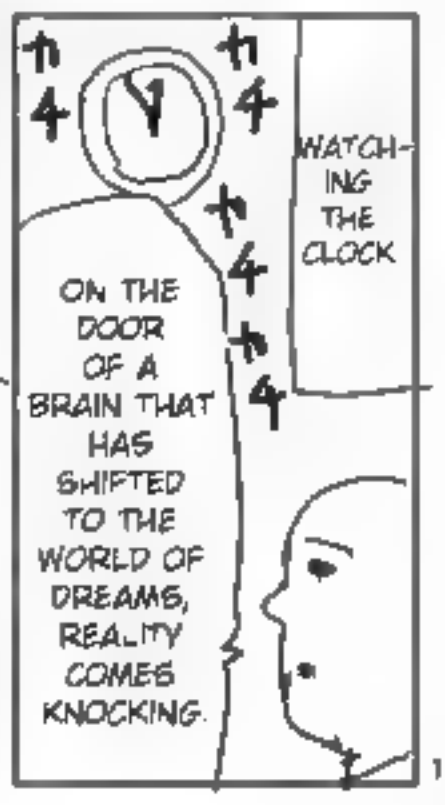




I'VE BEEN DOING IT ONCE EVERY FIFTEEN MINUTES.
STANDING UP AND STRETCHING YOUR BODY GYRATING YOUR ARMS.
AN EXCELLENT SKILL TO REDUCE SHOULDER STIFFNESS AND ALLEVIATE DROWSINESS AT THE SAME TIME.


BUT AFTERWARD, WHEN YOUR BODY WARMS UP AGAIN, YOU WILL BE INCREASINGLY ASSAULTED BY A HELLISH FATIGUE.
THIS WILL SLIGHTLY COOL DOWN AN OVERHEATED HEAD, REFRESH A GREASY FACE DURING AN ALL-NIGHTER, AND INSTANTA-NEOUSLY WAKE YOU UP,
WASHING YOUR FACE WITH COLD WATER.

SINGING.
YOU CAN STAY AWAKE FOR AS LONG AS YOU CONTINUE SINGING. HOWEVER, THERE'S A CHANCE THAT THE FACES IN YOUR DRAWING WILL START TO SING ALONG.



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AH.

YOU MEAN WE'RE AIMING FOR THE SUMMIT?!

HUH? NAH... WAIT A SEC-OND...

SO IF WE GO THIS WAY, THINGS WILL WORK OUT?!

LOOK.

THE REMAINS OF SOME OLD MOUNTAIN CLIMBING COURSE...

WEREN'T WE GOING TO HEAD HOME AS SOON AS WE FOUND A WAY BACK?

WHAT TIME IS IT?

THAT'S RIGHT!! WE'VE COME THIS FAR, SO LET'S TRY CALLING SOME UFOS!!

WHY ARE YOU SAYING THAT AT A TIME LIKE THIS?

LIKE, I'M EXHAUSTED.

KURA-TA...

WHO DO YOU TH NK INUKAWA AND SARUTA WERE THINKING OF WHEN THEY WERE PLANNING THIS?!

I FEEL LIKE WE SHOULD QUIT BEFORE WE MAKE MORE BAD MEMORES.

COME ON, THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE BY IT'S NOW... BEEN MISTAKE AFTER MISTAKE ALL DAY...

AH... NO, THAT'S... I WASN'T GOING TO SAY THAT MUCH...

SO IT'S ALL MY FAULT IN THE END, IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?!

...EH?

WHAT DO YOU...

WHY ARE YOU SO UNAWARE OF YOUR ROLE IN ALL THIS...

THAT ATTITUDE, EVEN IN THIS SITUATION... JEEZ...

IT'S USELESS FOR THEM TO TRY TO DO ANYTHING!

BECAUSE I COULD SEE THAT WHEN A GROUP OF PEOPLE HAS NO MOTIVATION,

I DISBANDED THE TELEPATHY CLUB BECAUSE BEFORE NOW, NONE OF YOU SEEMED TO WANT TO DO ANYTHING!

I HATE THAT IT'S BECOME LIKE THIS...

I SPENT SO MUCH TIME WORRYING OVER WHETHER I SHOULD GO WITH YOU...!!!

LIKE TODAY!

YOU GUYS TRAMPLED ON MY EARNEST FEELINGS, AND NOW, YOU...

YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND HOW I FEEL...

FOR WHAT-EVER REASON, YOU DECEIVED ME UNTIL THE VERY END.

I DECIDED TO COME BECAUSE I BELIEVED YOU WHEN YOU SAID YOU FOUND A TELEPATH, AND YET...

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YOU DON'T GET IT!!!!

YOU DON'T GET IT.

NO.

I'M LEAVING!

I'M GOING HOME!!

...WELL, ARGUMENTS ASIDE, WE DON'T HAVE MUCH OF A CHOICE HERE.

FOR THE TIME BEING, CAN YOU WALK?

I'LL BE HEADING HOME BY MYSELF, SO EVERYONE, PLEASE CONTINUE ON WITHOUT ME.

I'M TIRED!

I WON'T CLIMB ANY FARTHER!!

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MOB...

CAN YOU CARRY HER?

WITH PSYCHIC POWER.

YOU CAN'T USE YOUR PSYCHIC POWERS RIGHT NOW, MOB-KUN?

THEN... WE CAN'T CALL OUT TO ANY UFOS.

WE CAN'T DO ANY-THING.

USING MY "POWER" COULD BE DANGER-OUS...

NO... I'M STILL A LITTLE CARSICK, SO...

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BUT I DO HAVE PHYSICAL STAMINA.

I'LL LEAD YOU BY THE HAND, SO LET'S WALK TOGETHER.

EVERYONE ELSE MAY GET INSUFFICIENT EXERCISE, BUT I'M DIFFERENT,

SINCE I DO BODY IMPROVE-MENT.

HERE.

TOME-SAN.

I GET IT, I GET IT.

I'LL JUST WALK.

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ALRIGHT, LET'S GO.

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WHAT DO YOU MEAN, BODY IMPROVE-MENT... IF NOT FOR YOU AND TAKENAKA, WE WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO DISBAND OUR CLUB IN THE FIRST PLACE, YOU KNOW...

OHH . WE'RE PRETTY HIGH UP ..

IT'S 4:35... THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME LEFT BEFORE SUNSET. WHAT NOW?

MY FEET ARE KILLING ME... I SHOULD'VE WORN SNEAK-ERS..

WE'RE ALMOST AT THE PEAK.

SO... SO TIRED...

WE MADE IT!!!

LET'S PREPARE TO CALL SOME UFOS!

ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS, UFOS SHOULD APPEAR AROUND 5PM. SO...

. .YOU'RE STILL SAYING THAT...

I THINK WE SHOULD STOP.

...ARE WE REALLY DOING THIS?

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THAT BOOK WAS THE SOURCE OF THE REPORTS, AND YET YOU PLAN TO SUMMON UFOS WITHOUT FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS WRITTEN IN THAT BOOK?

DID YOU THINK YOU COULD JUST AD-LIB THE MISSING DETAILS AND DO THE CEREMONY THAT WAY?

ER...

WITHOUT [CIPHER FROM THE SKY], YOU DON'T KNOW THE PROCEDURE FOR SUMMONING UFOS, RIGHT?

BASICALLY, INUKAWA, YOU LEFT THE BOOK IN THE CAR, RIGHT?

THERE'S NO WAY I'D REMEMBER SOMETHING LIKE THAT...

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DID, DID YOU MEMORIZE ANY OF IT? LIKE, THE ALIEN-SUMMONING INCANTATION, OR...

...PRES-DENT, YOU WERE ALWAYS READING THAT BOOK.

WE'VE MADE ENOUGH MEMORIES FOR TODAY.

ISN'T IT ENOUGH THAT WE ALL DID OUR BEST CLIMBING THE MOUNTAIN? WE...

IT'S HOPE-LESS.

WHAT A NICE VIEW.

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WHAT ARE YOU DOING, TAKE-NAKA..?

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※NOT SURE IF THIS CHANT CAN EVEN BE TRANSLATED. TRANSCRIPT: "DO FA SU TO U TO U A YA A BA GA YA RI PU RU HA KO O MO HI BA KA E *

..THOUGH YOU ALREADY KNOW ALL THIS, PRESI-DENT...

WITH YOUR HANDS LIKE THIS.

ARRANGE STONES IN A ∞ SHAPE, AND THEN, WITH ONE FOOT IN EACH RING, CLOSE YOUR EYES,

FACE SOUTH-WEST, AND RECITE THE INCAN-TATION.

SO I MADE A COPY.

AS FOR THIS INFORMATION, IT CAME UP WHEN I SEARCHED FOR IT ONLINE...

I SPENT ALL NIGHT DOING RESEARCH ON VARIOUS THINGS, AND BEFORE I KNEW IT, IT WAS MORNING

BEFORE THIS, UNABLE TO SHAKE MY ANXIETY,

THOUGH I GUESS I DID ANYWAY, THANKS TO YOUR MISTAKE...

I COULDN'T JUST COME OUT AND SAY SOMETHING SO EMBAR-RASSING

SO THEN... YOU DIDN'T OVERSLEEP BECAUSE YOU WERE TOO NERVOUS TO GET TO SLEEP?

TAKENAKA...? YOU WERE REALLY THAT SERIOUS ABOUT THIS...?

I THOUGHT I'D TRY DOING WHATEVER I COULD DO TO HELP, AT LEAST A LITTLE...

STILL, I DIDN'T WANT TO MESS THIS UP.

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BUT.....

SO PLEASE BELIEVE ME ALREADY.

THAT'S WHY I DECIDED TO LEND THEM A HAND.

I AM SER-OUS.

BECAUSE THESE THREE WERE SERIOUS.

"EVEN SO, I'M AFRAID OF FAILURE"

"WE'RE STRANDED LIKE THIS BECAUSE THEY WENT ALONG WITH MY DELUSION"

"LIKE THE REST OF MY MEMORIES WITH EVERYONE, THIS IS GOING TO TURN INTO SOMETHING LAUGHABLE"

"MAYBE IT WOULD BE BETTER TO HAVE FUN WITHOUT TAKING IT SERI-OUSLY"

"IT FEELS LIKE I SHOULD HAVE JUST KEPT CHASING ILLUSIONS"

!?

...OR SO I'VE HEARD.

"I DON'T WANT TO GET ANY CLOSER TO REALITY THAN THIS"

WE WANTED TO DO THIS!!!

BEFORE THE TELEPATHY CLUB DISSOLVES FOR GOOD...

THIS IS SOME-THING WE WANTED TO DO!

NO WAY! WE DON'T SEE IT AS GOING ALONG WITH DELUSIONS AT ALL!!

I AM A TELEPATH.

PRESI-DENT KURATA.

AH, MAYBE I SHOULD TELL YOU ONE MORE TIME...

ASAHI?!

EH.

HOSHI-NO...?

SORRY, BUT I HAVE TO DEFEAT YOU.

AFTER ALL, I CAN'T LET THE WORLD GET WRAPPED IN DARKNESS..

TO THINK THE HIDDEN GEM OF THE DARK LEGION WOULD TURN OUT TO BE YOU. .

KU KU KU... YES, THAT'S HOW IT IS.

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HAHA HAHA HA... WHAT A TWIST.. SO THAT'S HOW IT IS...

NO, BUT LIKE, I CAN'T LET THE WORLD GET WRAPPED IN DARKNESS..

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THEN I GUESS WE'RE DOING THIS...

LEAVE THE SHINING FORCE BEHIND AND COME TO OUR SIDE.

YOU'RE BEING FOOLED BY THOSE GUYS. THE TRUTH BEHIND THEIR STATED IDEALS, THEIR "WORLD CLEANSING PLAN," IS SOMETHING DESPICABLE!!

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IF...

YOU GUYS...

SO STUB-BORN...

IF THAT'S HOW IT IS, WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST SAY SO?!

HERE, START LINING UP THOSE ROCKS!!

IN THAT CASE, LET'S HAVE EVERYONE DO IT!

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※SFX: THEY'RE CHANTING THE SAME INCANTATION AS BEFORE

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IS THERE SOMETHING ELSE YOU LEARNED THAT YOU'RE NOT TELLING US?

YOU... YOU SAID YOU WERE UP ALL NIGHT DOING RESEARCH ONLINE.

UGH.. HE MUST BE AN EXPERT IN DISCERNING PEOPLE'S TRUE FEELINGS BY READING THEIR BEHAVIOR, DESPITE BEING A LIAR HIMSELF..

WOW... AS EXPECTED OF KAGEYAMA-KUN'S MASTER.

NO, I DON'T USE TELEPATHY, BUT I CAN READ A PERSON'S HEART VIA FLUCTUATIONS IN THEIR AURA.

EH?

IS THE MASTER ALSO A TELEPATH?

...WAS CAUGHT UP IN A FRAUD TWO YEARS AGO.

THE TRUTH IS... THE AUTHOR OF THAT OCCULT BOOK, [CIPHER FROM THE SKY]...

THEN, HOW ABOUT IT, TAKENAKA?

ARE YOU STILL HIDING SOMETHING?

A FRAUDSTER... NO WAY... !!!

HE WAS REALLY JUST A BLOWHARD. THOSE AROUND HIM WERE EASILY CONVINCED, SO HE PILED ON THE LIES AND MADE MONEY LIKE THAT, AS A FRAUDSTER.

HE HELD VARIOUS SEMINARS AND EVEN MANAGED AN EXCLUSIVE FAN CLUB, BUT...

HE PASSED HIMSELF OFF AS AN ESPER AND OCCULT WRITER, RELEASING VARIOUS BOOKS...

BUT SAYING THAT WOULD KIND OF NULLIFY OUR WHOLE PLAN FOR TODAY, RIGHT?

SO I WAS RELUCTANT TO BRING IT UP...

HONESTLY, DOING THIS IS MEANINGLESS.

THE INCANTATION AND RITUAL ARE GROUNDLESS RUMORS.

THE CONTENTS OF THAT BOOK AREN'T BASED ON ANY KIND OF INTERVIEW.

THERE'S NO REASON TO SEND TELEPATHY INTO THE SKY...

UFOS WON'T COME BY EVEN IF WE DO THE RITUAL...

WE CAN TRY TALKING TO "NOTHING," BUT WE WON'T GET AN ANSWER.

AS LONG AS WE DON'T LEAVE ANY REGRETS, THIS CAN STILL BECOME A GOOD MEMORY, RIGHT?

WE'RE DOING EVERY-THING WE CAN...

I .. I'M SORRY FOR KEEPING QUIET ABOUT THIS.

..I DO THINK IT'S MEANINGFUL THAT EVERYONE IN THE TELEPATHY CLUB WORKED TOGETHER...

YOU HAVE GATHERED INFORMATION AND MOVED YOURSELVES TO ACTION... THAT IS NO SMALL FEAT.

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EXACT-LY.

THERE IS VALUE IN DOING YOUR BEST.

...Y-YEAH... WE DID OUR BEST!

YOU CAN BE PROUD OF THIS.

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IT WILL BECOME A VALUABLE ASSET IN YOUR LIVES.

IN THE FUTURE, THIS MEMORY WILL SURELY REMAIN AS ONE PAGE IN YOUR SPRING-TIME OF YOUTH...

EH.

THE AUTHOR SEEMED TO BE THE TYPE TO DO BUSINESS BY INFLATING OCCULT RUMORS INTO COMPLETE WORKS, SO...

IT SEEMS THOSE UFO REPORTS DID ACTUALLY TAKE PLACE

WERE THOSE ALSO FAKE?

...WHAT ABOUT THE EYEWITNESS UFO REPORTS?

ALL RIGHT, WELL, IT'S GETTING DARK, SO LET'S HEAD BACK.

OUR EXACT METHODS AREN'T IMPOR-TANT.

LET'S DO THIS.

!!

MOB-KUN...

SO THERE REALLY WERE REPORTS OF UFOS SHOWING UP?

LET'S SEND OUT SOME TELEPATHY!

IT'S NOT LIKE WE'VE RUN OUT OF THINGS TO TRY.

...THEN THIS IS SOMETHING WE CAN ONLY DO RIGHT NOW...

IF WE'RE IN THE SPRINGTIME OF OUR YOUTH...

LIKE MASTER REIGEN SAID,

MAY WE TRY?

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...

...SIR.

MOB...

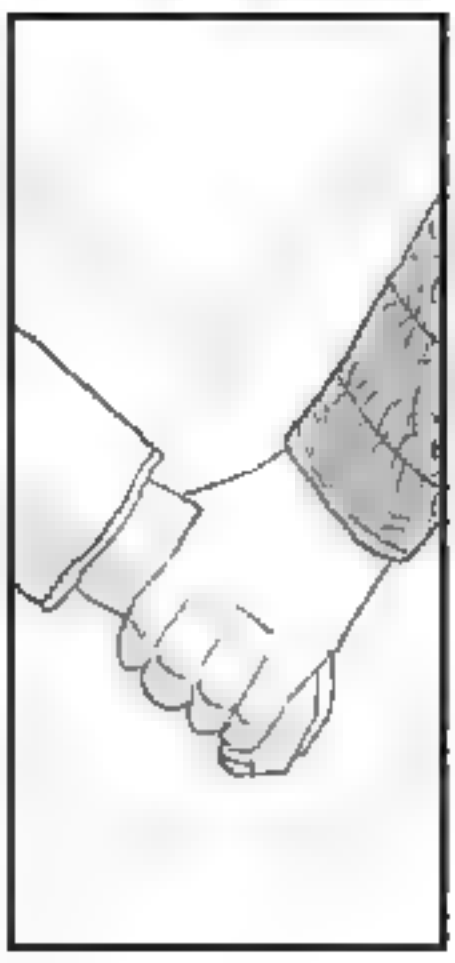
TOGETH-ER WITH EVERY-ONE...

SO I WILL ALSO GIVE IT MY ALL.

EVERY-ONE...

YOU TOO, PRESI-DENT KURATA.

THANKS.



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PROB-ABLY.

..DID HE GIVE IT TOO MUCH OF HIS ALL...?

STAY STILL!

DON'T FORCE YOUR-SELF TO MOVE!

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HAA.

THIS MIGHT NOT WORK...

HAA...

DAMN IT...

BUT...

I'M. ...I'M OKAY.

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ESPERS ARE REAL!

TELEPATHS ARE REAL!

WE'RE BOUND TO MAKE CONTACT WITH ALIENS AT SOME POINT!

B-BUT...

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WHAT'S WITH THOSE MOPEY FACES, YOU GUYS!

JUST BEING HERE WITH EVERYONE IS FUN ENOUGH FOR ME.

THERE'S NO NEED TO BE IMPATIENT.

I MEAN, LOOK...

THERE ARE SO MANY STARS IN THE UNIVERSE!!!

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※SFX: GOUUUN

AH——!!!...

DON'T WE HAVE ANY-THING?!!

YOU DIDN'T BRING A BUTTER-FLY NET OR SOME-THING?!

WHAT ARE YOU PLAN-NING TO CATCH?!

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT COULD HAPPEN IF WE UPSET THEM!

WHAT DO WE DO?! SOME-THING'S COMING DOWN!!!

THEY REALLY CAME.

ARE YOU SERI-OUS...? IS THAT THE REAL THING?

DON'T ASK US! YOU WERE THE ONE WHO WANTED TO MEET ALIENS, PRESIDENT!!

WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO?!

WAIT, WH... WHAT DO WE DO?!?!

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SLEN-DER LIMBS...

LARGE, WELL-DEVELOPED CRANIUM...

IS THIS... WHAT ALIENS LOOK LIKE...?!!

THEY'RE HERE...

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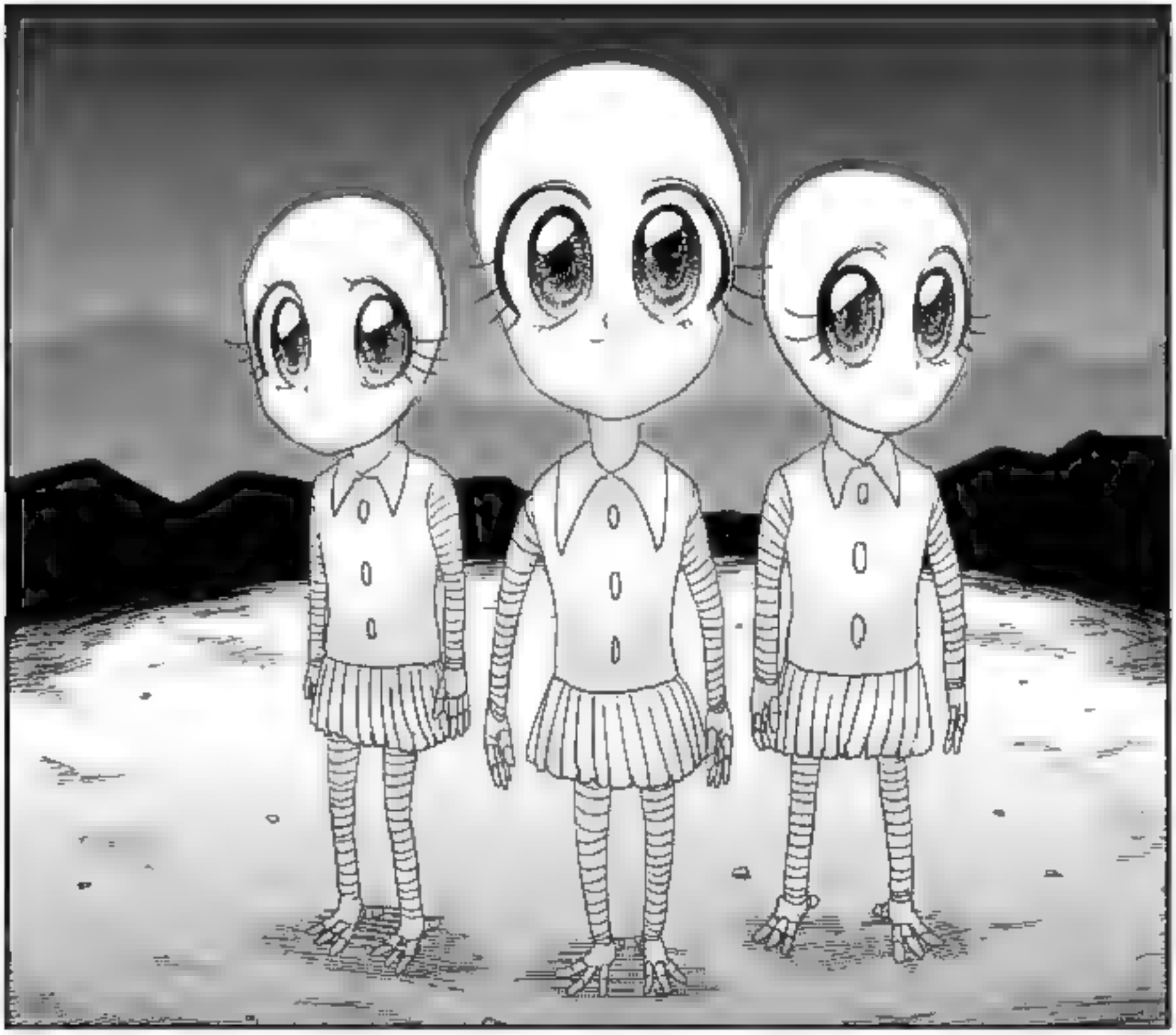
THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT... THEY'RE THE REAL THING!!!

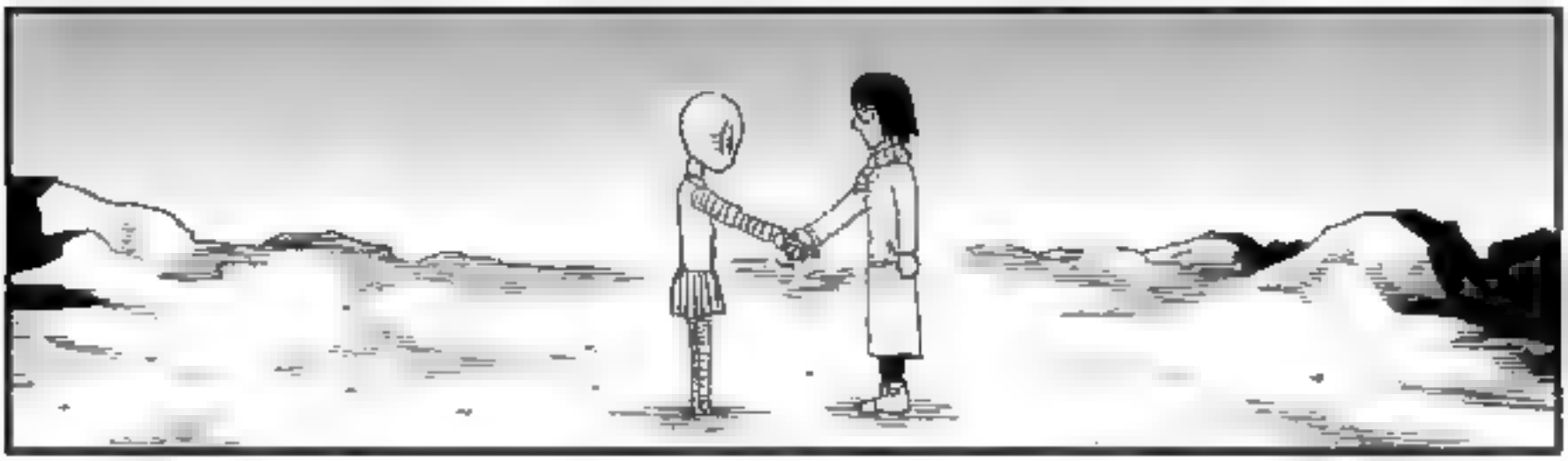
SMOOTH SKIN...

HUGE, GLITTERING EYES...!!!



AH, LOOK, THEY WANT TO SHAKE HANDS.
...I DON'T FEEL ANY HOSTILITY.
BUT THEY HAVE SUCH A LOVELY GAZE...
AS EXPECTED, IT SEEMS THEY HAVE A DIFFERENT WORLD VIEW... MAYBE WE CAN COMMUNICATE WITH THEM?

IT'S AN HONOR ...!!!
TO BE ABLE TO GREET YOU ON BEHALF OF ALL EARTH-LINGS...!!!!



MAS-TER...
HEY.
STOP THAT!!
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF GERMS THEY MIGHT HAVE!

UUU.. GOOD FOR YOU, PRESI-DENT KURATA..

THEY WANT TO SHOW US INSIDE THE SPACESHIP.

YEAHH!!

WOO HOO!!!

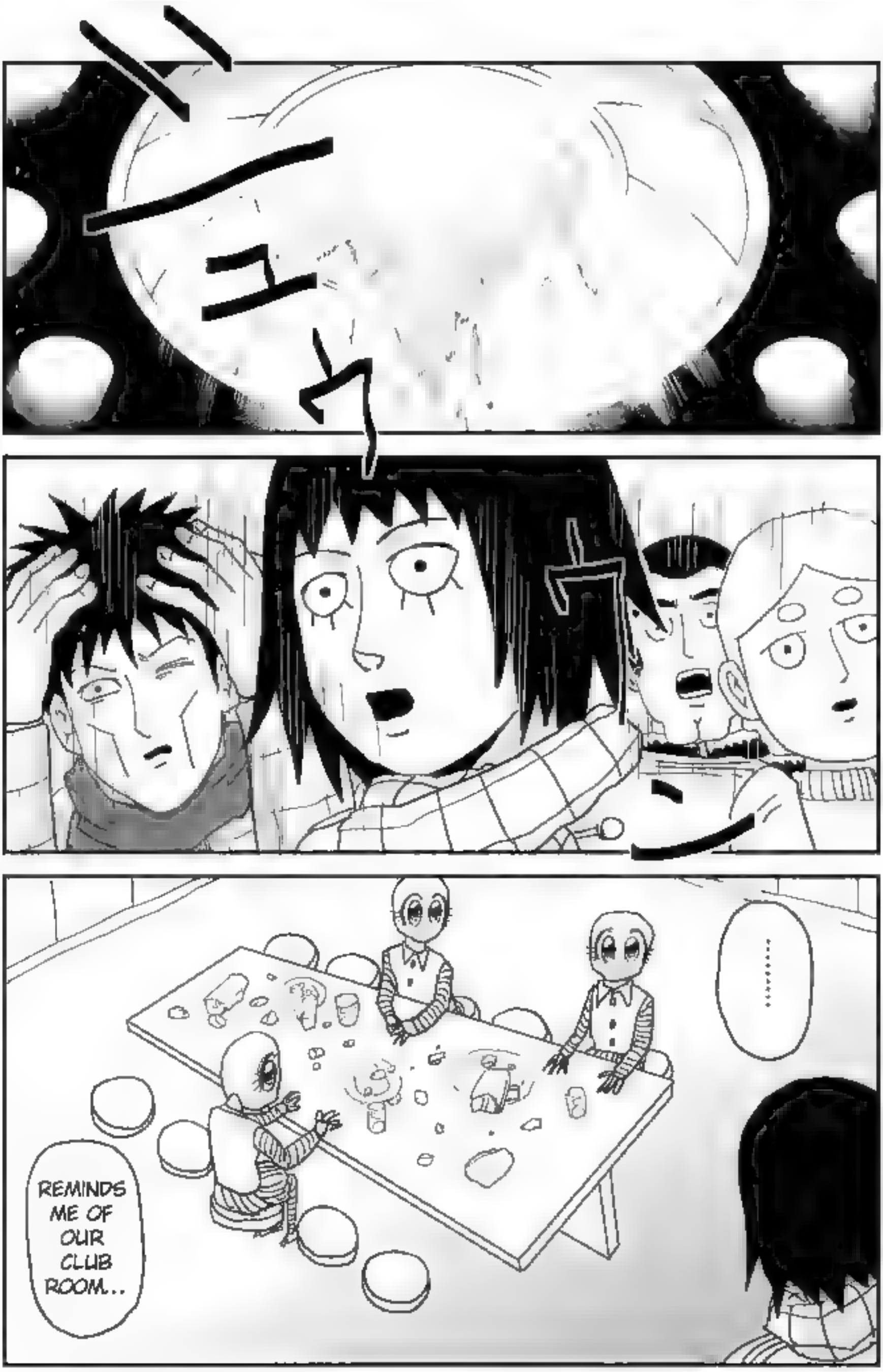
INCRED-IBLE...

HM……

I GUESS IT COULDN'T HURT...

IS... IS IT REALLY OKAY TO GO IN...?

I'M GOING TOO.


REMINDS ME OF OUR CLUB ROOM...

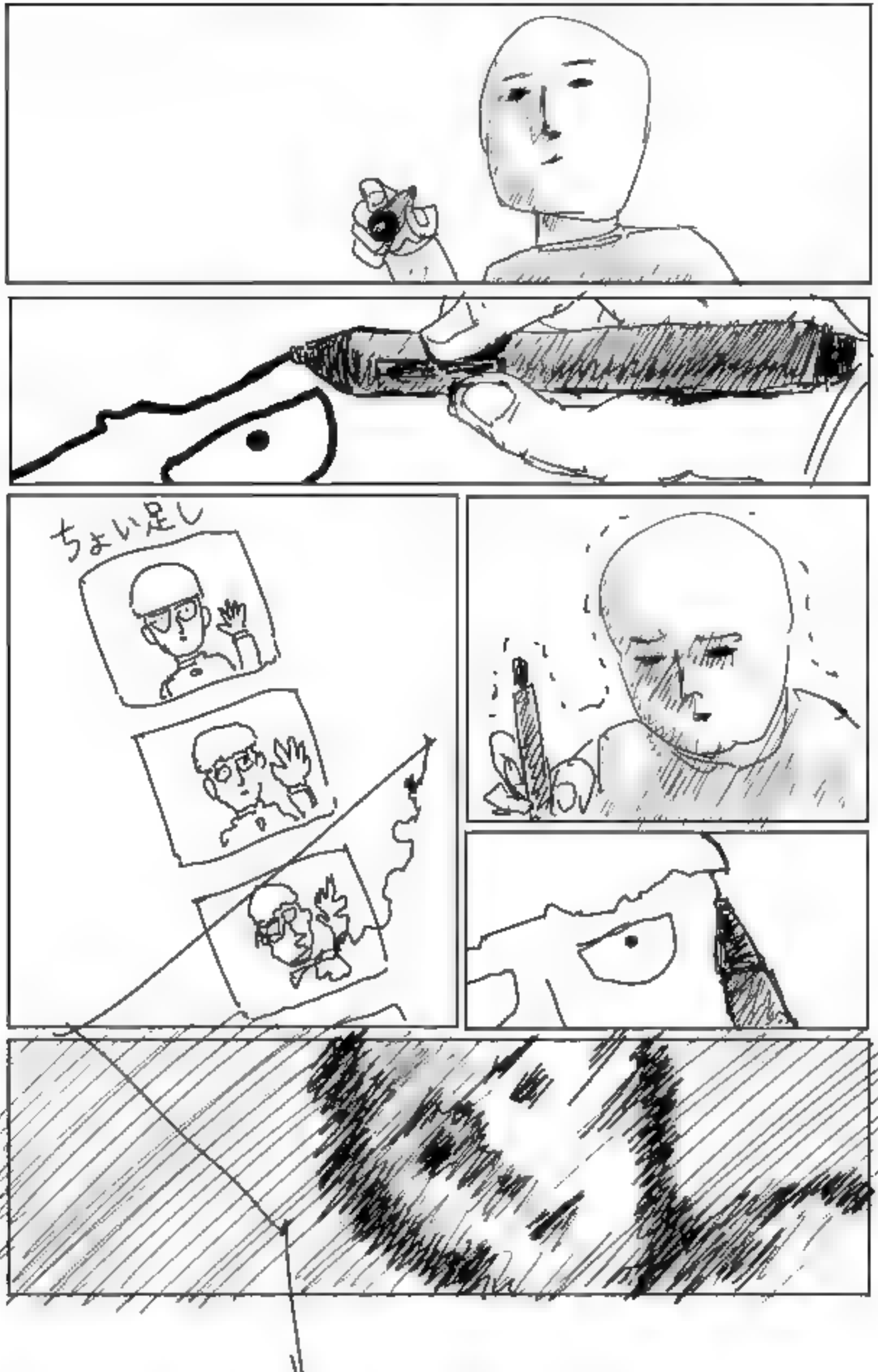

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ILLUSTRATION FOR USE IN FRENCH BOOKSTORES

※FRENCH TRANSLATION (APPROXIMATE) : I GIVE MOB PSYCHO 100 TO YOUR BENEVOLENCE.

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SO, LIKE... THEY REALLY ARE SUPER FRIENDLY, HUH.

I THOUGHT THEY WOULD BE A BIT SCARIER.

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UHH...

OHH... YOU'RE RIGHT……!!!

ERM...

IT WAS YOUR DREAM TO COMMUNICATE WITH EXTRATER-RESTRIALS, WASN'T IT?

PRESI-DENT.

WITH TAKENAKA AS AN INTER-PRETER, THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO TALK TO THEM!

YEAH, THAT WOULD PROB-ABLY WORK.

AW WHAT... AFTER WE CAME ALL THIS WAY...

I GOT NOTHING.

.. HEH HEH.

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LET'S SHOW THEM HOW TO PLAY!!

GOOD IDEA!

THIS IS THE ONE THING I'M ALWAYS CARRYING AROUND!

THEN, SHALL WE PLAY SOME VIDEO GAMES INSTEAD?!

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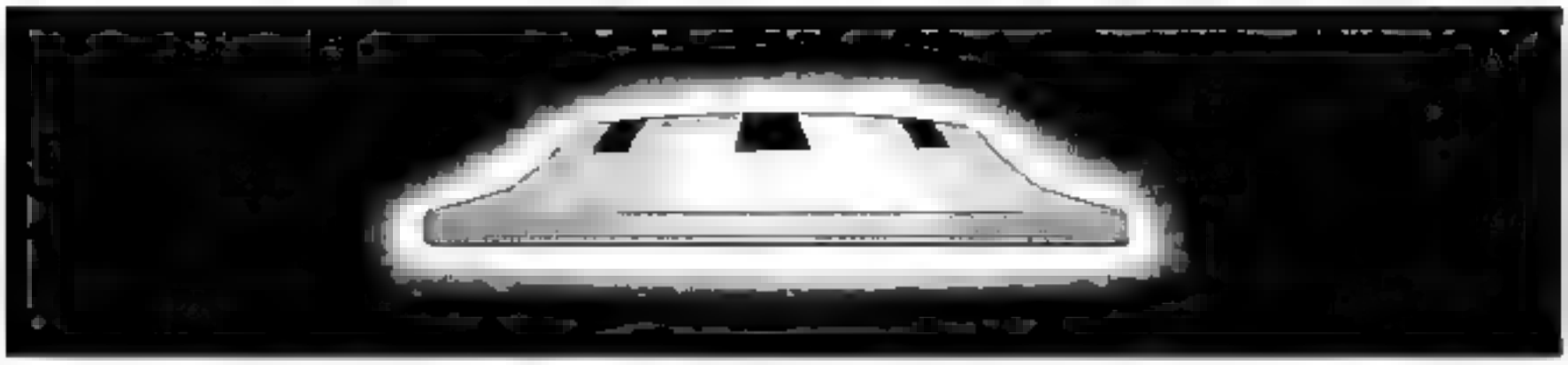
...THESE GUYS ARE TOO BRIGHT...

EVEN IN A PLACE LIKE THIS, I FIND MYSELF THINKING ABOUT RENTAL CAR LATE FEES...

THE START OF A NEW YEAR.

AH . IT'S MID-NIGHT ..



WELL, I GUESS WE ARE PRETTY MUCH BEST FRIENDS BY NOW!

YOU'RE RIGHT. I TOLD MY PARENTS I'D BE STAYING AT A FRIEND'S HOUSE, BUT...
WHAT!
WHOA. IT'S ALMOST MORNING ALREADY!!
BETTER HEAD HOME SOON..

IT'S A TOKEN OF FRIEND-SHIP, THEY SAY.
A GLOWING ROCK? IT'S BEAUTIFUL.
A PRES-ENT...?
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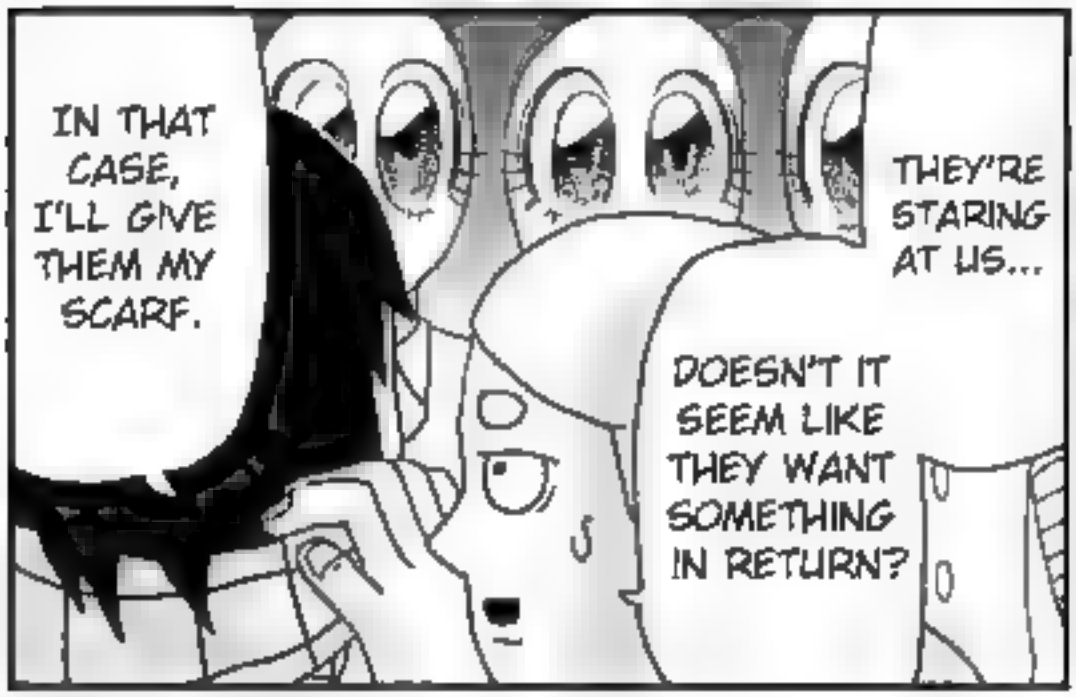
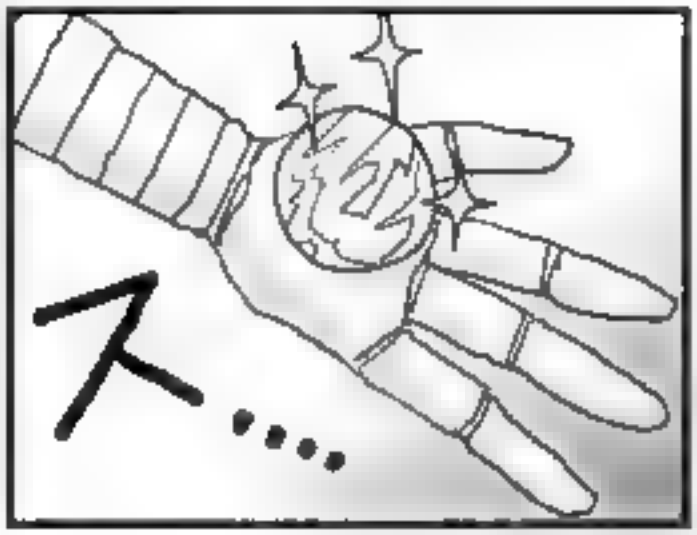

IN THAT CASE, I'LL GIVE THEM MY SCARF.
THEY'RE STARING AT US...
DOESN'T IT SEEM LIKE THEY WANT SOMETHING IN RETURN?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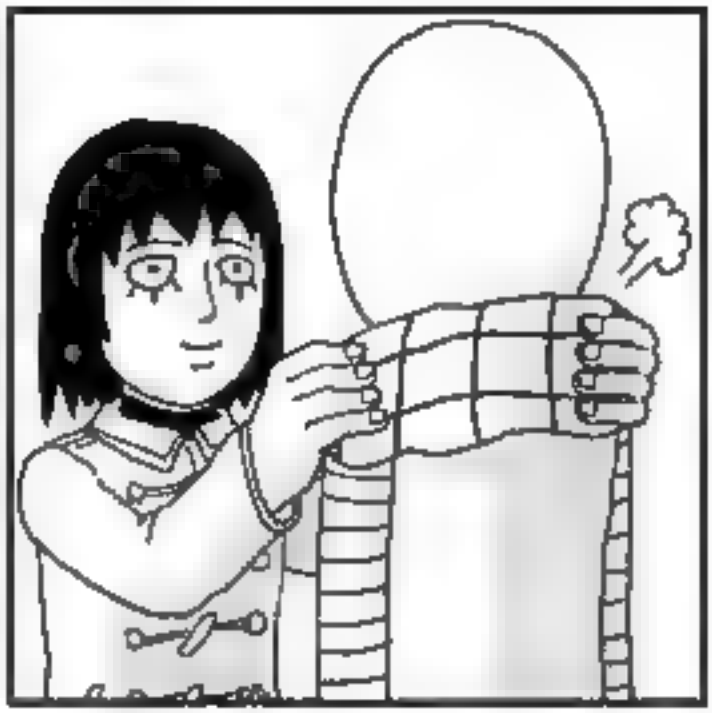
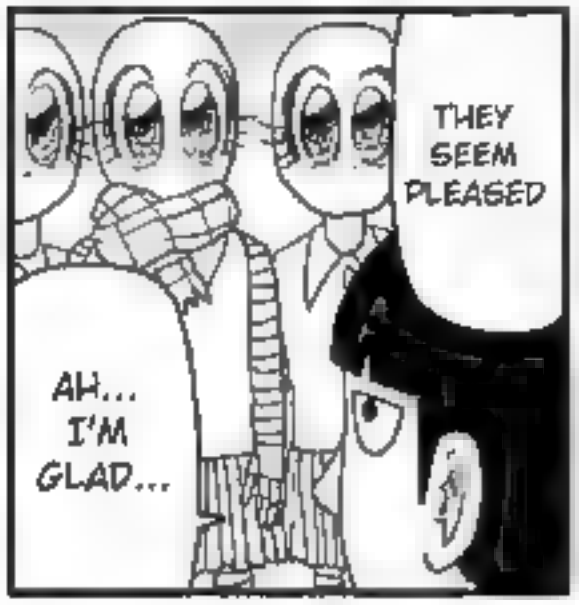


I'LL GIVE YOU THIS EARTH GAMING CONSOLE!

YOU CAN HAVE MY GUM.

HERE, MY WATCH .. IT'S KINDA CHEAP, BUT.

MEMO
UM... I'LL GIVE YOU THIS MEMO PAD, THEN.


THEY SEEM PLEASED
AH... I'M GLAD...

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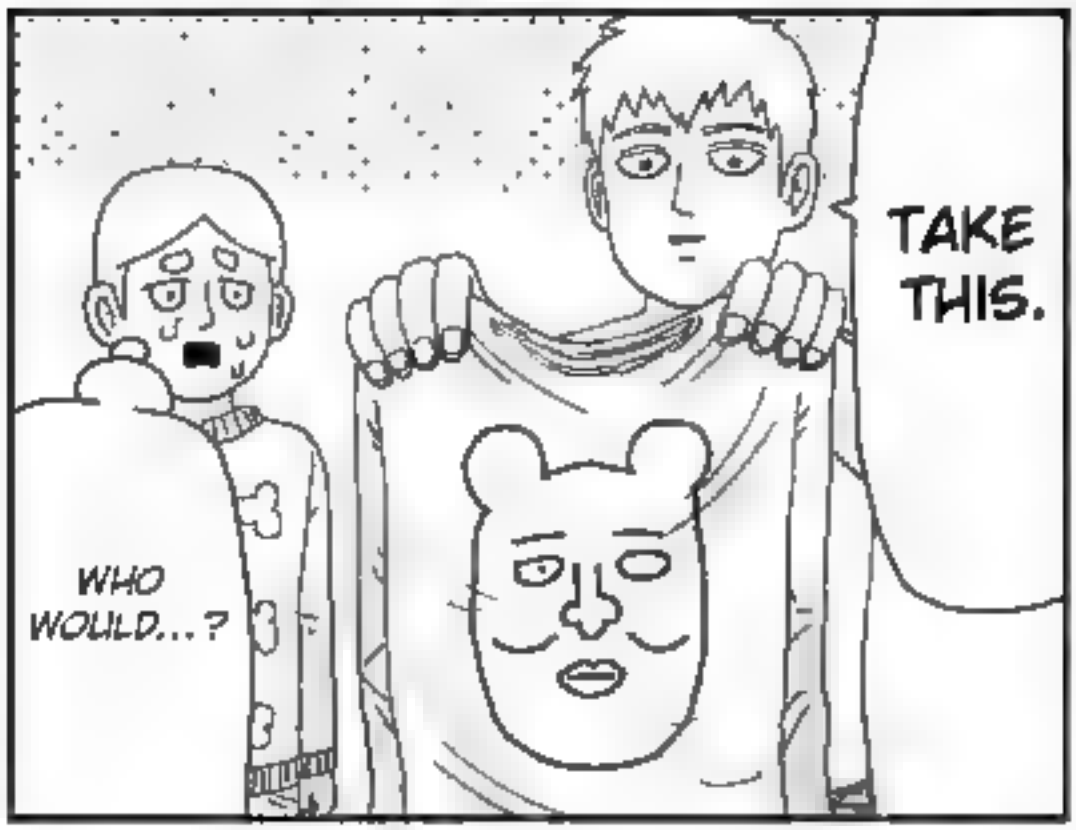
HMM... I DIDN'T BRING ANY-THING.
WHAT IF I SHOW THEM MY TELEKI-NESIS...?

WHAT ABOUT YOU, MOB-KUN?


TAKE THIS.
WHO WOULD...?

I WAS IN A HURRY THIS MORNING, SO I HAD MY PJS ON UNDER MY CLOTHES.
EH.. WHY ARE YOU GETTING UN-DRESSED, REIGEN-SAN..

THANK YOU FOR COMING TO SEE US.

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SO... WE'LL BE GOING NOW.

LET'S MEET AGAIN SOMEDAY!!

I GUESS ANYTHING'S FINE BY THEM...

THEY'RE PLEASED.

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OH...

FIRST SUNRISE OF THE NEW YEAR.

I'M SURE EVERYONE ELSE FEELS THE SAME...

I'LL NEVER FORGET THIS DAY.

WHA……

WHERE'S INUKAWA……?

I'M SURE…
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…HUH?

WHAT !!!?

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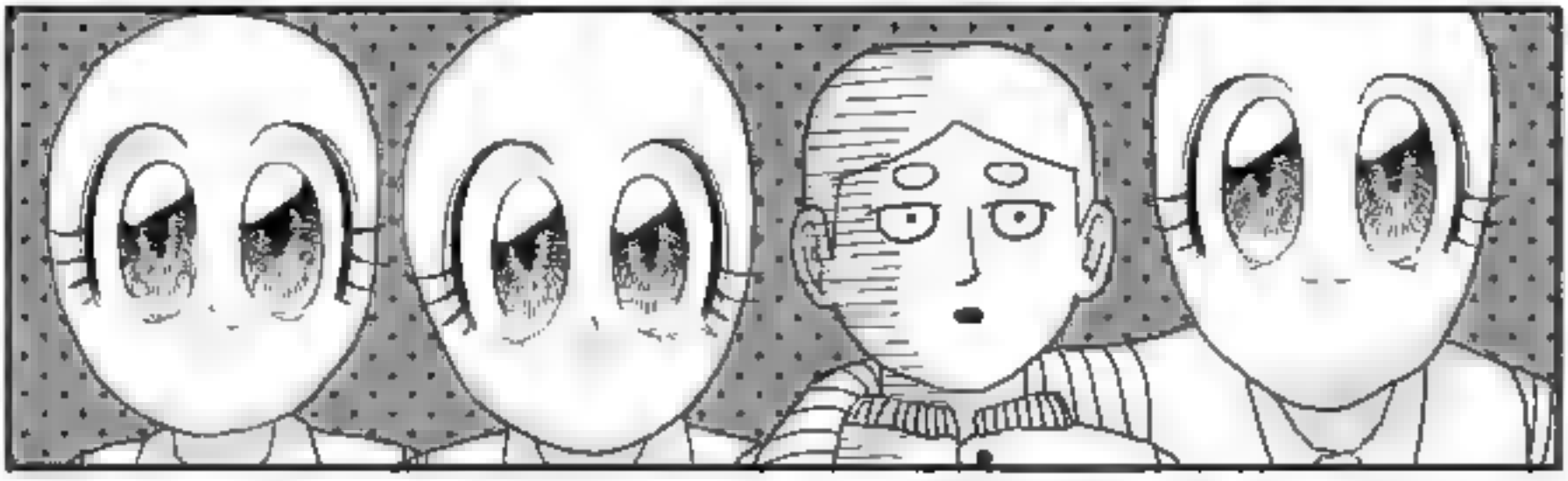
AH… I THINK THEY TOOK HIM…



LACKING ANY KIND OF TELEPATHIC ABILITY, INUKAWA COULD ONLY EXPRESS HIS WISHES THROUGH FACIAL EXPRESSIONS AND GESTURES. IT IS SAID THAT BY THE TIME HE WAS RETURNED TO EARTH, 10 DAYS HAD PASSED.

INUKAWA, WHOSE DECLARATION OF FRIENDSHIP WAS MISTAKEN FOR A DESIRE TO IMMIGRATE, WAS BROUGHT TO THE ALIENS' HOME PLANET.

YOU TOOK IT THIS FAR JUST TO CUT IT?

EH…

I HAD PLANNED TO CONTINUE THIS AND WAS PROCEEDING TOWARD THAT END, BUT IT STARTED GETTING TOO LONG, SO I'M CUTTING IT.

REALLY…?

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REALLY…?

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REALLY.

REALLY…?

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REALLY.

REALLY…?

REALLY

REALLY…?

END

REALLY…?

THAT IS BECAUSE I HAVE DECIDED TO REMASTER AND CONSOLIDATE THE ENTIRE THING INTO A TANKOBON.

REALLY…?

REALLY.

CHAPTER 99: MOB

DID YOU WATCH THE COMEDY BLOOD-SHED DEATH MATCH?
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK THIS YEAR!!
HAPPY NEW YEAR.
EXAMS ALREADY? THAT AIN'T GOOD.
GRAND-MA'S HOUSE.
WHERE'D YOU GO OVER WINTER BREAK?
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

IT MIGHT BE A SUDDEN CHANGE FROM THE SLUGGISHNESS OF VACATION, BUT STARTING TOMORROW, WE'LL GET INTO EXAM PREPARATIONS PROPER.

THE THIRD SEMESTER STARTS TODAY

FIRST OF ALL, WE'LL HAVE THE OPENING CEREMONY, AND I'LL FINISH COLLECTING YOUR WINTER BREAK HOMEWORK AFTER THAT.

AH...

THAT'S RIGHT, THERE WAS ONE MORE MESSAGE TO RELAY.

WE'LL ONLY BE IN THIS CLASSROOM FOR ANOTHER 3 MONTHS. PLEASE DILIGENTLY APPLY YOURSELVES AND GET ALONG WELL UNTIL IT'S TIME FOR CLASS CHANGES.

OH, CLASS CHANGES... WHEN I'M A THIRD YEAR, MAYBE I'LL BE IN THE SAME CLASS AS TSUBOM-CHAN...

IT SEEMS THAT TAKANE TSUBOMI-SAN OF CLASS 2-3 WILL BE MOVING AWAY WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH.

PARDON?

HUH?

MOVING AWAY, THAT'S...

HUH...

HUH?

HUH?

WAIT, I STILL HAVEN'T... I HAVEN'T TAKEN ANY ACTION SO NOTHING HAS HAPPENED...

IS... IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE?

I WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE A WHOLE YEAR TO WORK WITH...

EVEN THOUGH... I WAS THINKING I WOULD TELL HER HOW I FEEL AFTER WE TAKE OUR ENTRANCE EXAMS...

HUH? HUH? THIS IS TOO SUDDEN, MY HEAD CAN'T KEEP UP.. HUH?

HUH?

TSUBOMI-CHAN...

WILL BE...

...FURTHER AWAY THAN EVER...

TIME IS LIMITED.

AH.

I NEED...

TO CON-FESS TO HER...

AH...

IT'S NOTH-ING...

FORGOT YOUR HOMEWORK?

WHAT'S UP, KAGEYAMA?

I BET HE'S GOT A LOT OF STUFF TO WORK THROUGH IN HIS HEART...

MOB: COME TO THINK OF IT, HE LIKES TAKANE-SAN, DOESN'T HE...

GOTTA CONFESS...

GOTTA CONFESS...

GOTTA CONFESS...

GOTTA CONFESS...

MOB

...

BUT SHE'S THE SCHOOL'S NUMBER ONE IDOL.

HOW DOES HE PLAN TO COMPETE WITH ALL THE OTHER RIVALS?

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ARE YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT, KAGEYAMA!!!?

YES
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ABOUT THAT...

EVERYONE, IF YOU COULD SHARE ANY EXPERIENCE YOU HAVE... OR ANY TIPS TO MAKE IT LESS UNPLEASANT...

I HUMBLY SEEK YOUR ADVICE!!!

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EXPE-RIENCE?

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KAGE-YAMA...

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TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES.

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WHAT OKAY

YOUR HARD WORK IS BECOMING FRUIT-FUL!!!

SURELY YOUR MUSCLES WILL ALSO BE A "SUCCESS" WITH THE OPPONENT YOU HAVE IN MIND!!!!

YOU'RE DEVEL-OPING SOME NICE MUS-CLES!!

THOSE MUSCLES ARE WHERE YOUR EXPE-RIENCE IS STORED!!!

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OWWW...

THANK YOU? VERY MUCH... .....?!

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UM... IF YOU COULD OFFER.....

ANY ADVICE……

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HAHA, THERE'S NO WAY THE TELEPATHY CLUB COULD GIVE YOU ROMANCE ADVICE.

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HAA... STILL, TO THINK TAKANE-SAN IS MOVING AWAY... I WAS FOND OF HER MYSELF...

PERHAPS I'LL TRY TOSSING MY OWN HAT IN THE RING...

OI.

YOU HAVE A POINT...

OH...?

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KAGE-YAMA,

USING PSYCHIC POWERS TO CURRY FAVOR MIGHT WORK AT FIRST, BUT EVEN I COULDN'T KEEP THAT UP.

WHAT, DO YOU THINK IT'S EASY FOR A TELEPATH TO BECOME POPULAR?

TAKENAKA-KUN... ARE YOU GOING TO USE TELEPATHY TO READ TSUBOMI-CHAN'S HEART?

"IF YOU READ A WOMAN'S HEART WITH TELEPATHY, YOU'LL BE POPULAR."

TOME-SAN ONCE TOLD ME THAT.

HAHA... LIKE PRESIDENT KURATA KNOWS ANYTH NG ABOUT A WOMAN'S HEART.

HEY, ENOUGH OF THAT, YOU TWO.

DON'T START TALK NG SHIT WH LE SOMEONE'S FROZEN IN AWE OF SUDDEN DEVEL-OPMENTS...

ABOUT CON-FESS-ING...

MOB-KUN... ARE YOU REALLY, TRULY SERIOUS THIS TIME?

...YES.

IS THAT SO... I UNDER-STAND.

IN THAT CASE, LET ME GIVE YOU ONE ESSENTIAL PIECE OF ADVICE.

I'LL GO SO FAR AS TO SAY THAT MUCH!!!

YOU SHOULD GET A DIFFERENT HAIRCUT!

DO YOUR BEST, KAGEYAMA-SENPAI!

GOOD LUCK, KAGEYAMA-KUN.

SORRY, MOB, WE CAN'T GIVE YOU ANY ADVICE, BUT WE'LL STAY OUT OF YOUR WAY AND WATCH OVER YOU FROM AFAR.

YOU CAN IGNORE HER.

AH, UM... TSUBOMI-CHAN...

CAN I TALK TO YOU FOR A SECOND...?

I WAS TAKEN AWAY BY A UFO.
NEW YEAR'S EVE, 201X
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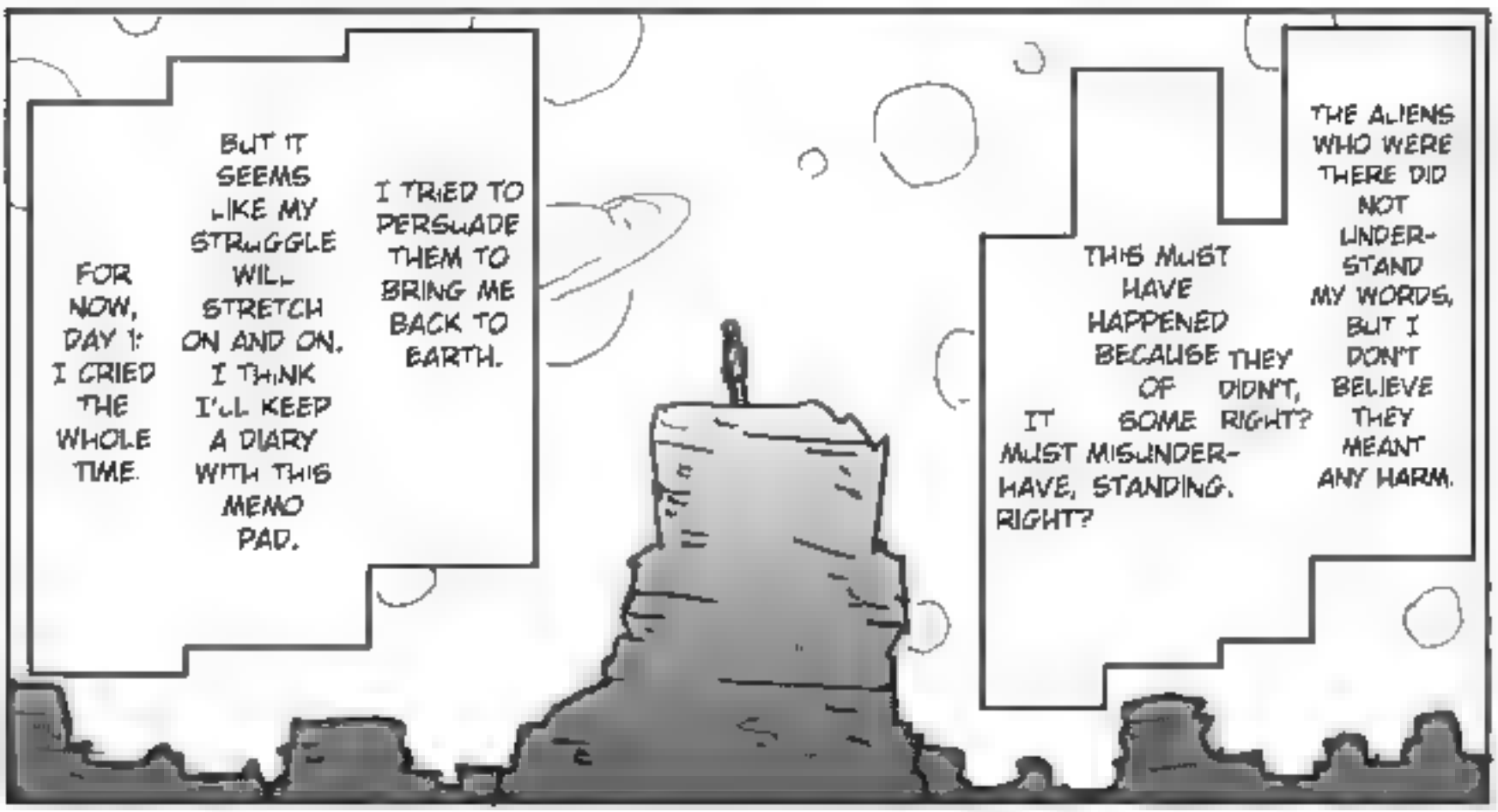
FOR NOW, DAY 1: I CRIED THE WHOLE TIME.
BUT IT SEEMS LIKE MY STRUGGLE WILL STRETCH ON AND ON. I THINK I'LL KEEP A DIARY WITH THIS MEMO PAD.
I TRIED TO PERSUADE THEM TO BRING ME BACK TO EARTH.
IT MUST HAVE HAPPENED BECAUSE OF SOME MISUNDER-STANDING. RIGHT?
THIS MUST HAVE HAPPENED BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T, RIGHT?
THE ALIENS WHO WERE THERE DID NOT UNDER-STAND MY WORDS, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THEY MEANT ANY HARM.

I LUH...

I WUV TSU-BOM.-CHAN !!!

I LIKE YOU. PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME...

WH-- WHY?!

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I'M SORRY.

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AH, DO I HAVE TO SAY THE REASON?

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SORRY TO BOTHER YOU!!

IT'S BECAUSE I HAVE NO I NTEREST IN Y-...

THERE ARE STILL THAT MANY LEFT?

UWA...

THIS IS SUCH A PAIN...

AND IT'S MOSTLY PEOPLE I DON'T KNOW...

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I'LL JUST TRY TOMORROW INSTEAD...

YUP! NOTHING I CAN DO!

I SEE... SO SHE WENT HOME~

THEN I GUESS I'LL CALL IT QUITS FOR TODAY~

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AH!

SHE WENT HOME ALREADY?!

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IF IT'S ABOUT TAKANE-SAN, SHE'S NOT IN THE CLASSROOM ANYMORE.

WHILE YOU'RE DAWDLING HERE, TONS OF OTHER BOYS ARE CONFESSING TO HER.

BEHIND THE SCHOOL?

WHY A PLACE LIKE THAT...?

SHE'S BEHIND THE SCHOOL BUILDING.

EH.

I SHOULD GO.

SAY WHAT...?

LIKE AN ASSEMBLY LINE IN A FACTORY.

RIGHT NOW, SHE'S DOLING OUT A FLURRY OF REJEC-TIONS.

IF YOU GO NOW, SHE'LL TURN YOU DOWN.

AND IF YOU GO WITHOUT A PLAN, YOU'LL DEFINITELY GET TURNED DOWN.

IF YOU GET CAUGHT UP IN THAT FLOW, YOU'LL BE REJECTED TOO.

BEHIND THE SCHOOL, IT'S A MASS PRODUCTION OF BROKEN HEARTS.

WHAT DO WOMEN LOOK FOR IN A MAN?

DO YOU THINK... I SHOULD CUT MY HAIR?

MEZATO-SAN..

WHY YOUR HAIR?

SURE?

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AHH.. OKAY, YEAH, I GUESS THAT'S FINE.

THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE PSYCHO HELMET CULT ARE ALL HUGE FANS OF YOURS, MOB-KUN.

SIGN?

I DON'T MIND TEACHING YOU... IF YOU'LL DO ME A FAVOR.

SIGN SOMETHING FOR ME NEXT TIME.

..HE'S TAKEN A STEP FORWARD SINCE HE STARTED MUSCLE TRAINING.

BEING RELIABLE, LISTENING TO PEOPLE'S CONCERNS,

ACCEPTING EVEN THOSE WHO SHOW WEAKNESS,

MAKING PEOPLE FEEL LIKE THEY CAN TALK TO YOU ABOUT ANYTHING...

THE NEXT THING YOU NEED IS DEPTH OF CHARACTER.

FIRST, GENTLE-MANLY THINGS.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO BE COURTEOUS TO THE GIRLS IN YOUR CLASS.

YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO TAKE ON TAKANE-SAN.

IF YOU CAN TAKE ON THAT MUCH, MOB-KUN...

I SUSPECT SHE'S HIDING HER TRUE NATURE.

AS FOR WHETHER YOU CAN HANDLE THAT TRUE IDENTITY...

TAKE ON TSUBOMI-CHAN..?

YEAH. IT SEEMS THAT MOST BOYS ONLY LIKE HER FOR HER APPEARANCE, BUT...

EH..

WELL, PERSONALLY, I HAVE NO CLUE WHAT YOU SEE IN TAKANE-SAN, BUT WHATEVER.

YOU SHOULD LEARN TO LOOK AT PEOPLE FROM A DIFFERENT ANGLE ONCE IN A WHILE.

HEY, MOB-KUN..

HONESTLY, HOW DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT?

JUST FROM WATCH-ING HER DAILY HABITS.

HOW CAN YOU KNOW SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

I DOUBT SHE'S INTER-ESTED IN OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL.

I MEAN, IT SEEMS LIKE SHE DOESN'T TRUST ANYONE.

WHAT DO YOU SEE IN HER?

HM...

SO UNLESS YOU CAN ANSWER THAT QUESTION AND GO BEHIND THE SCHOOL BUILDING ..

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YOU'VE PUT ME IN A TOUGH SPOT, MOB-KUN~

BRINGING THE SPRING OF YOUTH INTO THE OFFICE LIKE THIS~

...YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO GIVE IT YOUR ALL AT WORK, YOU SAY?

NAH, I DIDN'T GO TO SCHOOL, SO I DON'T REALLY KNOW.

RIGHT, SERI-ZAWA?

I UNDERSTAND WANTING TO BELIEVE THAT YOU'RE DIFFERENT, BUT IN THE END, MEN ARE SIMPLE CREATURES.

OF COURSE MIDDLE SCHOOLERS ARE GOING TO LIKE EACH OTHER BASED ON APPEAR-ANCE.

. . . EH?

NO, WAIT... ARE YOU SERIOUS?!

HAHAHA... AT THAT AGE, EVEN IF YOU LAUGH IT OFF, THAT'S A BIT TROUBLING, BUT...

NEVER?

NOPE, NONE.

BUT THERE MUST'VE BEEN SOME GIRL YOU LIKED, RIGHT?

YES, THAT!

I WAS ABOUT TO SAY THE SAME KIND OF THING.

SHIGEO-KUN, IF YOU FEEL THE SAME NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE TELLS YOU,

HAVING SOMEONE THAT YOU LIKE... I'M JEALOUS.

SO WHAT DOES IT MATTER IF YOU CAN'T PUT THE REASON INTO WORDS?

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YOUR FEELINGS MUST BE REAL.

OMAKE: INUKAWA DIARY PART 2

IF I DIDN'T HAVE A WATCH, I WOULD PROBABLY HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TIME IT IS OR HOW MANY DAYS HAVE PASSED I SHUDDER AT THE THOUGHT

DAY 2:

ON THEIR PLANET, THERE ARE NO NIGHTS OR STARS.

THEY ALL CAME OUT AND HAD A WELCOMING PARTY FOR ME

.. THIS IS PROBABLY A PARTY, RIGHT?

NATURALLY, THE TABLE WAS COVERED IN FOODSTUFFS I'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE.

MOST OF THEM STILL MOVING.

I ONLY PUT THE NON-MOVING ONES IN MY MOUTH.

WHEN I WOKE UP THE NEXT MORNING, THERE WERE KISS MARKS OR SOMETHING ALL OVER MY BODY, BUT I DECIDED NOT TO THINK ABOUT ANYTHING.

I ONLY REALIZED THIS AFTERWARD, BUT IT SEEMS THERE WAS SOMETHING ALCOHOLIC AMONG THE THINGS I ATE.

I GOT CARRIED AWAY AND ENDED UP TAKING OFF MY CLOTHES AND DANCING UNTIL I PASSED OUT FROM EXHAUSTION.

WHEN THEY STARTED SOME KIND OF DANCE, I WAS INVITED TO STAND ON A STAGE IN THE MIDDLE. AT THEIR URGING, I DID SOME RANDOM DANCING, AND THEY WERE REALLY LOVING IT.

ISN'T "WHAT YOU LIKE ABOUT HER,"

THE IMPOR-TANT THING...

I'LL LISTEN.

IF YOU'RE WORRIED, FOCUS ON THAT POINT...

AND LET OUT YOUR INNERMOST FEELINGS ONCE MORE.

IT'S "WHETHER OR NOT YOU REALLY LIKE HER!"

I'M NOT REALLY SURE MYSELF...

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WHY I CARE SO MUCH ABOUT TSUBOMI-CHAN...

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I SAY GO FOR IT.

THEN THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

I LIKE TSUBOMI-CHAN... I ALWAYS HAVE!!

BUT I...

WELL, THAT'S..

IT'S LIKE...

WHAT DOES EVERYONE ELSE DO IN THAT SITUATION?

..IKE, THE ETIQUETTE FOR CON-FESSING...

BUT WHEN IT'S TIME TO CONFESS, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I SHOULD SAY... OR WHAT I SHOULD DO.

AH... HE'S CHEATING!

REIGEN-SAN DOESN'T KNOW EITHER?!!

LOOK AROUND THE STORE

CLEANLINESS

LISTEN WELL

NO ALCOHOL

MAKE HER HEART POUND

SMILES ARE IMPORTANT

BUILD THE MOOD

A HEAVY ATMOSPHERE IS NO GOOD

PREMISE OF MARRIAGE

SINCERITY

INVITE HER TO A MEAL

BUT IN THE END...

IF YOU WANT TO FORM A DEEP CONNECTION WITH SOMEONE, IT'S NO USE PRETENDING TO BE SOMETHING YOU'RE NOT.

YOU DON'T NEED A STRATEGY.

SHOW HER YOUR TRUE SELF.

YOU'RE FINE JUST AS YOU ARE.

YOU'RE RIGHT... I'LL DO THAT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH...

USE YOUR OWN WORDS TO TELL HER WHAT YOU WANT TO SAY.

PLUS, I DOUBT TSUBOMI-CHAN WANTS TO HEAR A CONFESSION BASED ON MY ADVICE.

IN THIS SITUATION, I THOUGHT YOU'D GIVE ADVICE THAT WAS PASSABLE BUT KIND OF CHEAP.

THAT WAS UNEX-PECTED, REIGEN-SAN.

HE SEEMS SO POPULAR WITH THE LADY CLIENTS, THOUGH...

SO REIGEN-SAN IS ALSO PESSIMISTIC IN THAT RESPECT...

OR RATHER, IN MY CASE, IF I EXPOSED MY TRUE SELF, I WOULD GET SOUNDLY REJECTED...

IF THIS WAS ABOUT ME, I PROBABLY WOULD TURN IT INTO SOME CHEAP CONTEST.

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WITHOUT LYING ABOUT ANY-THING...

BUT MOB IS DIFFERENT. IT'S BEST FOR HIM TO BE STRAIGHT-FORWARD.

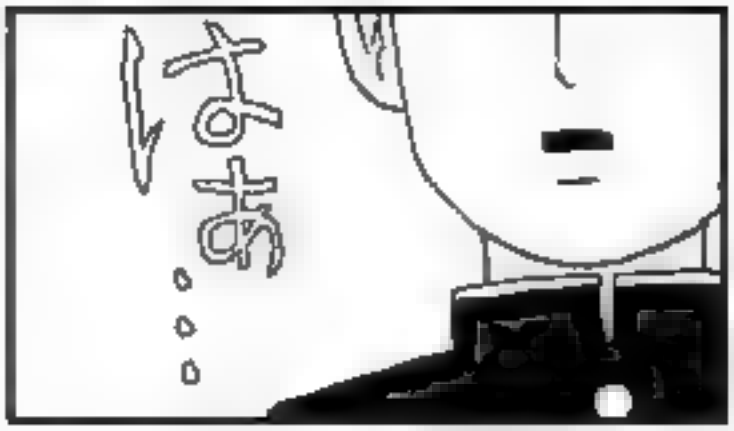
I HOPE I CAN BECOME A PARTNER LIKE THAT...

TSUBOMI-CHAN AND MOB... THEY CAN EXIST WITHOUT DISTORTING EACH OTHER...

MOB!!

YOU CAN PULL IT OFF...

I SEE.. SO YOUR CHILDHOOD FRIEND IS CHANGING SCHOOLS, HUH...
YEAH, THIS MONTH...
WE HAVEN'T REALLY TALKED IN SEVERAL YEARS, SO THIS IS VERY SHORT NOTICE...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WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU KEEP SIGHING...
IS SOMETHING TROUBLING YOU AGAIN?

IT'S FINE FOR YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE POPULAR, HANAZAWA-KUN.

FOR ME, IT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT ..

IT'S NOTHING TO GET SO NERVOUS ABOUT.

AND YOU'VE DECIDED TO CONFESS TO HER RIGHT AWAY...?

YEAH .. BUT I'VE NEVER DONE THIS BEFORE, SO I'M HAVING TROUBLE WITH VARIOUS THINGS...

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO SAID THAT WE'RE THE SAME?

HERE!

RELAX YOUR SHOULDERS AND SMILE WITH YOUR HEAD HELD HIGH!

LET'S BE CONFIDENT!

IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE ABOUT TO DO SOMETHING BAD, Y'KNOW.

I SEE... A PRESENT... A PRESENT, HUH...

I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT...!!

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ARE YOU THINKING OF GIVING HER A PRESENT OR ANYTHING?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUSH YOUR-SELF...

HOME-MADE

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IT'S NO GOOD... ALL I CAN MAKE IS ONIGIRI...!!

I WAS JUST THINKING, THERE'S THAT KIND OF THING TOO.

WHEN SOMEONE GIVES ME A HANDKERCHIEF, OR A LETTER, OR HOMEMADE COOKIES OR SOMETHING, IT MAKES ME KINDA HAPPY, SO...

I TEND TO BE ON THE RECEIVING END OF CONFESS-IONS, BUT...

FLOWER

IN YOUR CASE, KAGEYAMA-KUN, IT'S A LITTLE CLICHE, BUT A BOUQUET OR SOMETHING MIGHT BE NICE.

IT CERTAINLY COULDN'T HURT.

AH.

IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE REQUIRED TO HAND OVER A GIFT, SO...

AH, THAT'S... I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY TO BUY CLOTHES, SO I'LL HAVE TO DECLINE THIS TIME, BUT THANKS...

ANYWAY, LET ME HELP YOU COORDINATE A GREAT OUTFIT FOR THE OCCASION.

A BOU-QUET...

IS THAT SO... AS EXPECTED, YOU'RE GOING TO CONFESS TO HER AS WELL. .

THE TIME HAS FINALLY COME..

NII-SAN...

AH... SO YOU ALREADY KNOW.

AT SCHOOL, THERE'S A RUMOR GOING AROUND THAT TAKANE-SAN IS MOVING AWAY...

I WONDER HOW SHE'LL RESPOND...

EVEN JUST IMAGINING IT MAKES ME SUPER NERVOUS.

TAKANE TSUBOMI-SAN...

RIGHT THAT PERSON.

HMM...

THE TRUTH IS, SHE'S KIND OF HARD TO DEAL WITH.

I FEEL LIKE SHE WAS THE TYPE OF PERSON WHO WOULD GO HOME IN THE MIDDLE OF HIDE-AND-SEEK.

WHEN I WAS LITTLE, WE PLAYED TOGETHER SOMETIMES TOO, BUT...

I'M WORRIED

I WONDER IF NII-SAN WILL BE OKAY...

I HOPE SHE DOESN'T SAY TERRIBLE THINGS TO HIM... WELL, I'LL SUPPORT HIM, BUT STILL...

WHAT WILL HE DO IF HE GETS TURNED DOWN?

THANK YOU, RITSU... I'LL CHIN UP AND GO FOR IT!

WHAT'S THIS...? MY FEELINGS ARE ACTUALLY STARTING TO CALM DOWN...

HE REALLY CARES ABOUT ME MORE THAN I CARE ABOUT MYSELF

RITSU...

OMAKE: INUKAWA DIARY PART 3

DAY 3

AMONG THE INHABITANTS OF THIS PLANET, THERE ARE NATURAL ENEMIES.

THEY ARE FIERCE MONSTERS THAT DAMAGE CROPS.

THE ALIENS HERE DEVELOPED AN ADVANCED CIVILIZATION WITHOUT THE CONCEPT OF WEAPONS.

SO I SCARED THE MONSTERS OFF

THEY WERE ABOUT THE SIZE OF MY PARENTS' DOG (A 4-YEAR-OLD WELSH CORGI).

DAY 4

BECAUSE I GOT RID OF THE MONSTERS, THEY SEEM TO VIEW ME AS A HERO. THE FOOD THEY GIVE ME AND THE WAY THEY TREAT ME ARE HIGH GRADE.

MY BED IS SOFT AND FLUFFY, AND AN APPARENTLY HIGHLY-RANKED INDIVIDUAL (PERHAPS A FEMALE?) IS BLUSHING AND CUDDLING UP TO ME.

IS IT JUST MY IMAGINATION...? DAILY LIFE ON THIS PLANET ISN'T BAD.

DAY 5

MY GAME CONSOLE RAN OUT OF BATTERIES.

AH... SORRY FOR CALLING OUT OF THE BLUE, I ONLY KNOW THE NUMBER FOR YOUR HOUSE PHONE. .

...AH!! HELLO, TSUBOMI-CHAN?!

AH, YES... THANK YOU.

MAY I SPEAK TO TSUBOMI-CHAN?

HEL-LO...

AH. . IT'S BEEN A WHILE, MA'AM, THIS IS SHIGEO.

NO!! I MEAN, SOME-WHERE OTHER THAN SCHOOL WOULD BE GOOD!

IF YOU WOULDN'T MIND, MAYBE TOMOR-ROW AFTER SCHOOL WE COULD...

THEN, UH... I KINDA WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOMETHING... EH? AH, NO, NOT ON THE PHONE, BUT LIKE... YEAH...

SO, LIKE, ABOUT THAT THING .. ERM... LIKE, MOVING AWAY AND STUFF... AH... IS IT TRUE? SO THAT'S HOW IT IS... UH-HUH...

NO, YEAH, I'M FINE...

UH-HUH...

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MY VOICE? IT ISN'T SHAKING! MUST BE YOUR IMAGI-NATION...

YES, THAT ONE!! WE USED TO PLAY THERE A LOT... HM? I SOUND WEIRD?! YOU THINK SO?

OUR HOUSES ARE PRETTY CLOSE, SO HOW ABOUT THE PARK WE USED TO GO TO?

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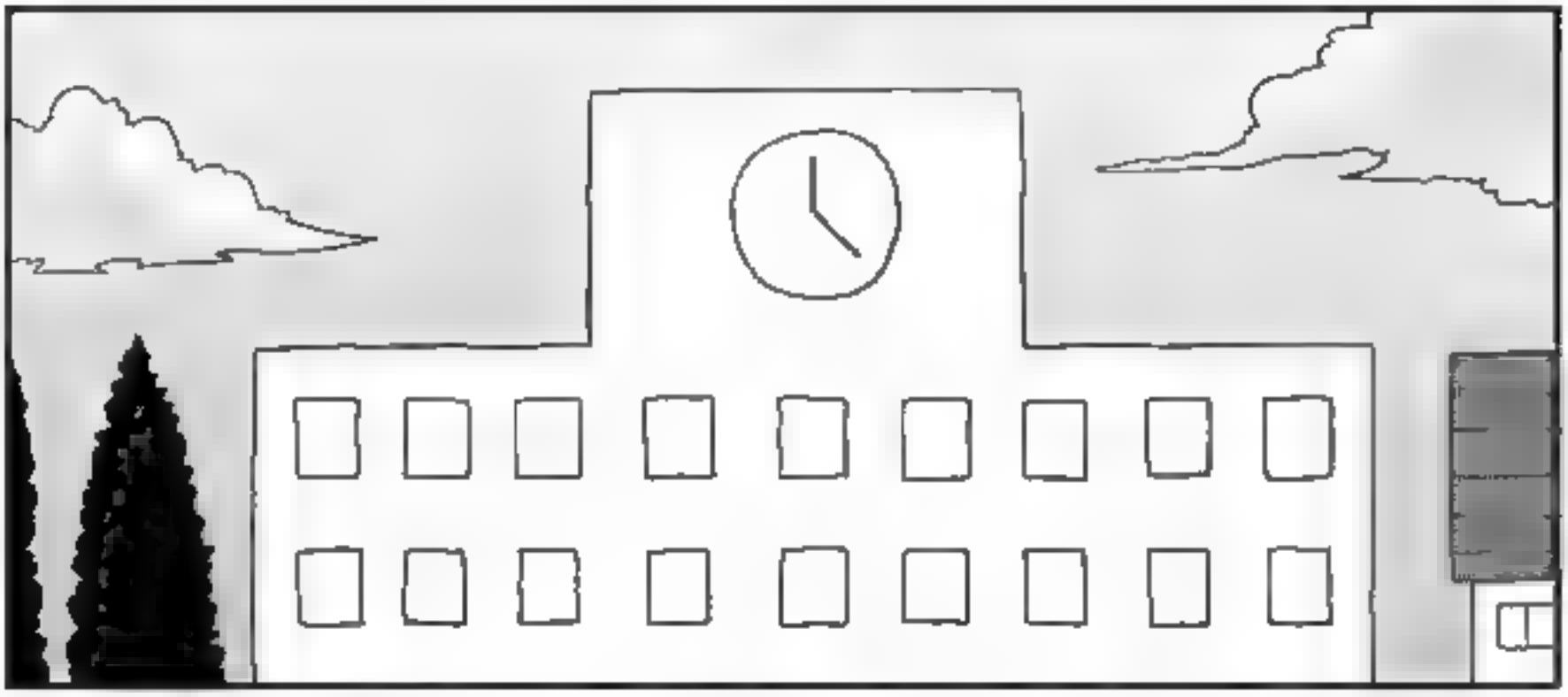
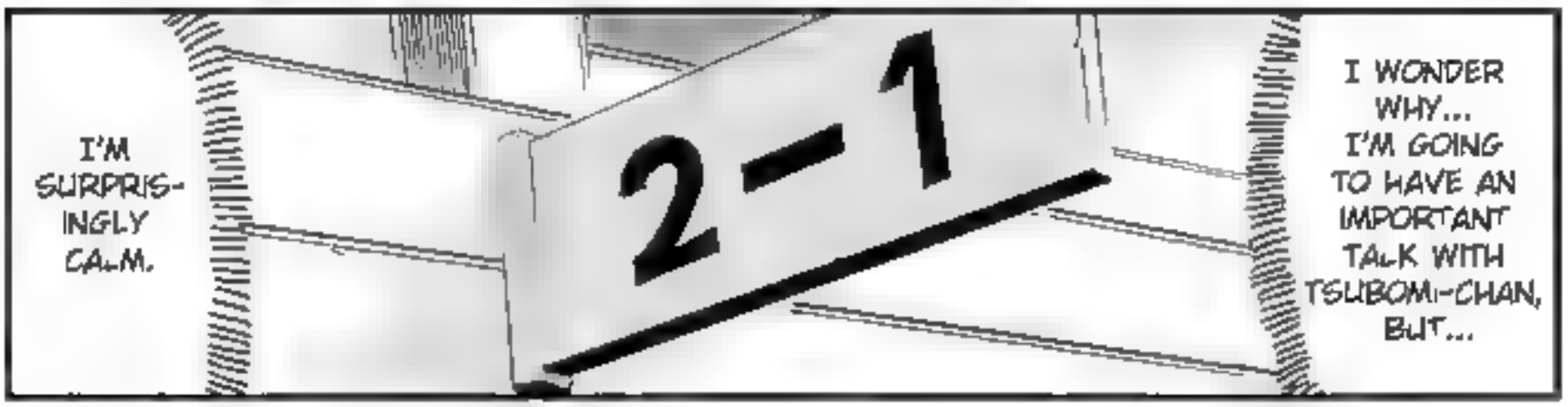


YOU DID SURPRISINGLY WELL!
IF YOU TWO END UP GOING OUT, YOU SHOULD INTRODUCE ME TO SOME OF TSUBOMI-CHAN'S FRIENDS!!
YEAH..
YEAH..
PLUS, YOU'LL BE THE ONLY ONE GOING TO SOME NOSTALGIC PARK INSTEAD OF BEHIND THE SCHOOL BUILDING...
EH?! SHE AGREED TO MEET YOU? NOT BAD!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I'M SURPRISINGLY CALM.
I WONDER WHY... I'M GOING TO HAVE AN IMPORTANT TALK WITH TSUBOMI-CHAN, BUT...

NAH, IT'S FINE. TO BE HONEST, I THINK YOUR CURRENT LOOK HAS A GOOD "MOB-KUN" KIND OF FEELING.

SO YOU DIDN'T CHANGE YOUR HAIR?

TODAY'S THE DAY, ISN'T IT!

DO YOUR BEST, KAGEYAMA!

FIGHT, KAGE-YAMA-KUN!!

27%

I WONDER WHY I DECIDED TO CONSULT EVERYONE ABOUT CONFESSING TO THE PERSON I LIKE.

COME TO THINK OF IT..

BUT I'LL PRAY FOR YOUR SUC-CESS.

NII-SAN... THERE'S A STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING TODAY, SO I WON'T BE ABLE TO ACCOMPANY YOU.

30%

...AREN'T WEIGHING ME DOWN AS MUCH AS THEY USED TO...

MAYBE MY EMOTIONS...

31%

WILL THIS DO. .?

HERE YOU ARE, WOULD YOU LIKE A BAG?

A BOUQUET... COMING RIGHT UP.

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WELL, I GUESS IT'S NOT ABOUT THE SIZE OF IT...

1000 YEN WORTH OF FLOWERS IS SO SMALL.

AH...

I REMEMBER YOU, YOU WERE, UHHH.....

33%

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KAGEYAMA SHIGEO.

ARE YOU SURE?!! WHY...

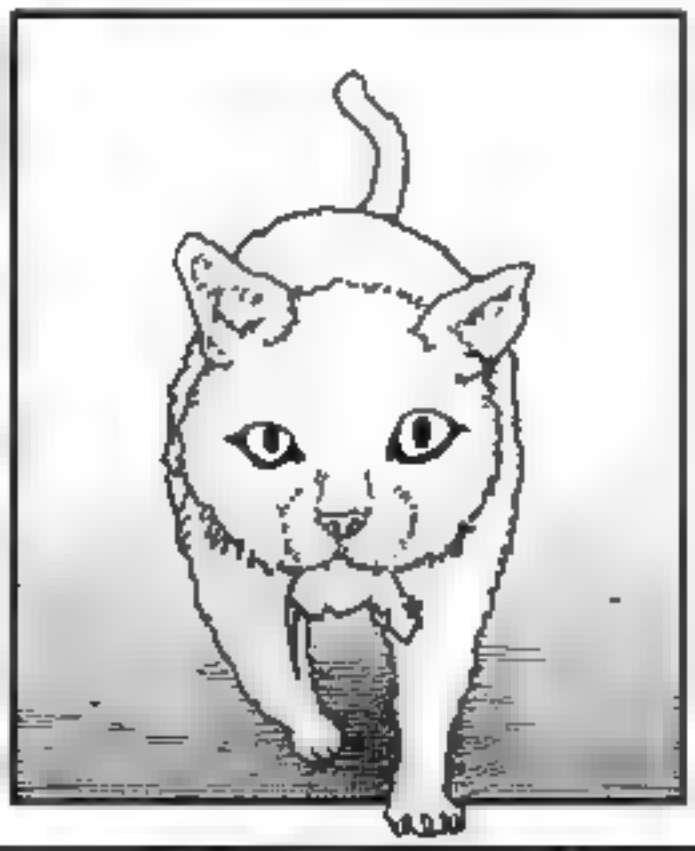
IT'S FINE, HERE, TAKE IT.

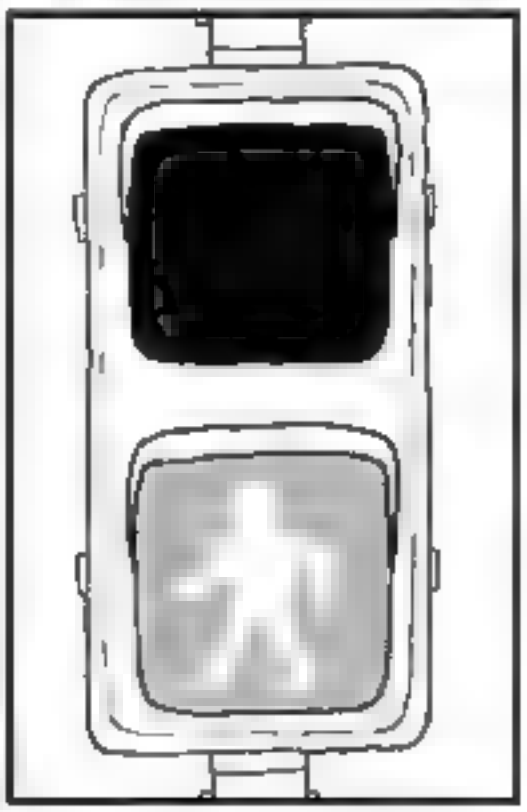
EVERYONE...

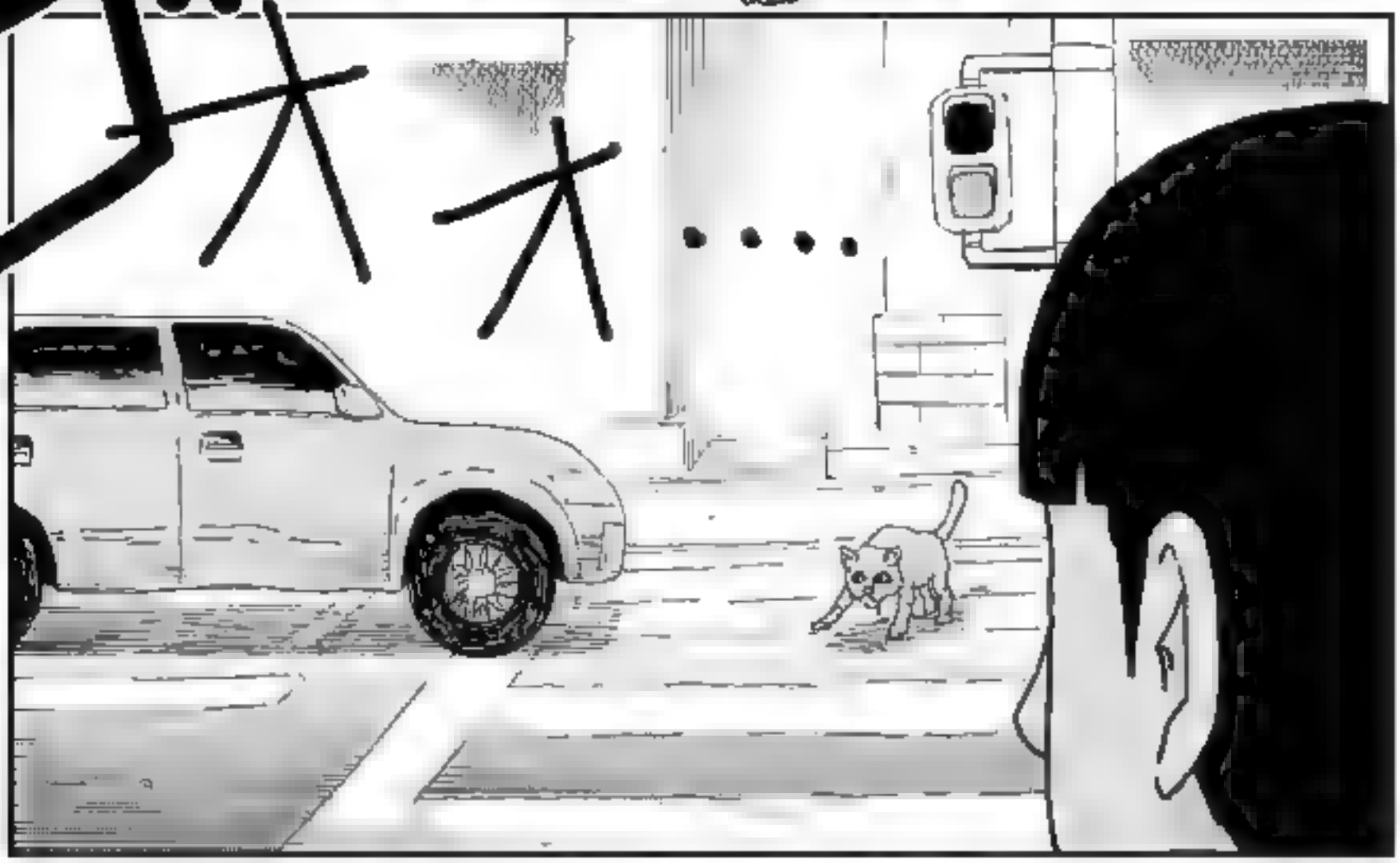
LET'S TRADE.

EH !!!?

THANK YOU.



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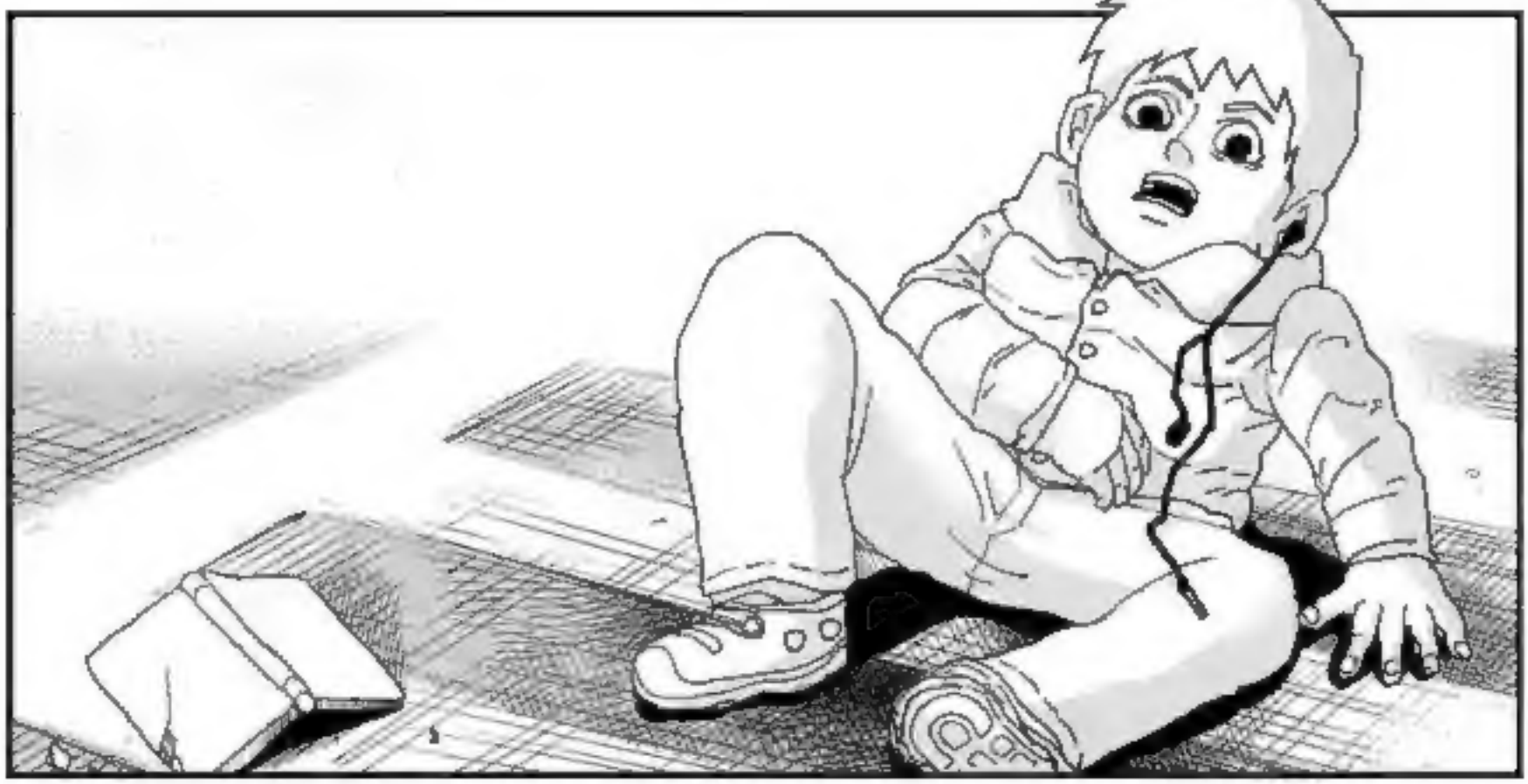

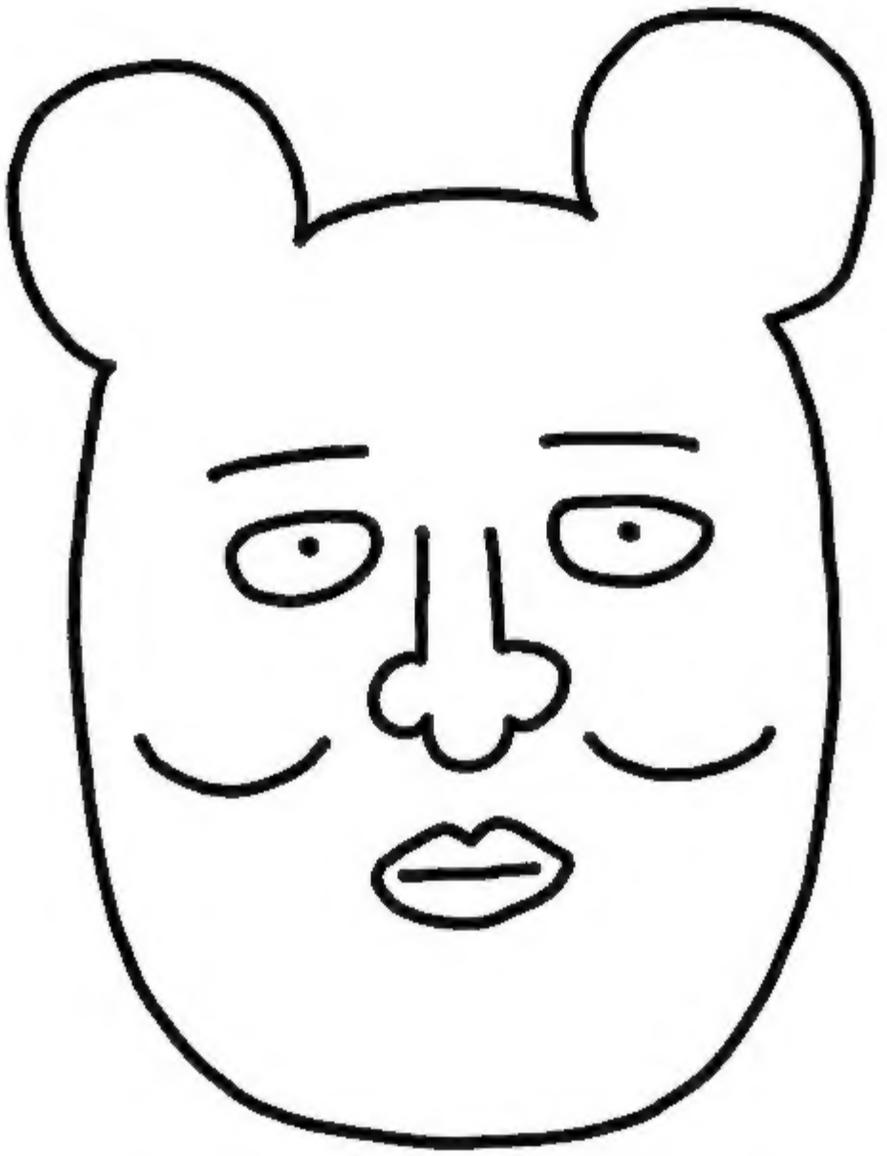

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Day 6

The wind is strong today, and glittering pollen-like stuff is swirling up from somewhere. It's a fantastical sight, like something out of a dream. I've been gazing at it for so long...

HELP
I WANT TO GO BACK TO EARTH

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